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TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

JOHN E. ROWELL. EDWARD B. HASKELL.
JOSIAH WRIGHT.

TOWN CLERK.

HERBERT A. KING.

TOWN TREASURER.

JOHN A. RICHARDSON.

ASSESSORS.

JOSIAH WRIGHT. GEORGE E. SIMONDS.
WILLIAM H. HUTCHINS.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

JOHN E. ROWELL. SEARS J. COOK,
EDWARD B. HASKELL.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

H. A. KING (ex officio). ARTHUR W. HOLDEN.
JOHN HARRINGTON. EDWARD L. McMAHON.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

DR. J. B. TYLER. JOHN E. ROWELL.
COBUN S. SMITH.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

E. W. LIVINGSTON. LAWRENCE W. BUCKLEY.
CHARLES A. WRIGHT.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ALLAN BOTTOMLEY. D. MOYER STALEY.
FREDERICK A. CASEY.

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

FREDERIC S. CLARK. J. NELSON PARKER.
CHARLES H. KOHLRAUSCH.

SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS.

FREDERICK A. MOREY. FRANKLIN JAQUITH.
JOSEPH F. TALBOT.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

ALBERT H. JONES.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

EDWARD SPAULDING.

SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

JAMES E. PARKER.

CATTLE INSPECTOR.

WILLIAM H. HUTCHINS.

FENCE VIEWERS.

JOHN E. ROWELL. EDWARD B. HASKELL.

JOSIAH WRIGHT.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

SIDNEY A. BULL.

CONSTABLES.

MARTIN CONWAY, JR. EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

J. E. BLODGETT. E. E. COLE. GEORGE L. DUNHAM.

AUDITORS.

ERASTUS B. COLBY. GEORGE P. GREENWOOD.

RICHARD T. PERRY.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD.

J. E. ROWELL. E. W. LIVINGSTON.

G. E. SIMONDS. W. F. SYMMES.

VOLUNTINE ROLLINS. C. A. FOSTER.

EDWARD HARRINGTON.

SEXTON.

ALBERT STEARNS.

KEEPER OF THE LOCK-UP.

MARTIN CONWAY, JR. E. W. LIVINGSTON.

FIELD DRIVERS.

MARTIN CONWAY, JR. ISAAC HOPKINSON.

HIGHWAYS.

BILLERICA, FEB., 28, 1900.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I render the following report of work done from April 1, 1899 to March 1, 1900.

Gravelled near W. Shedd's, 465 ft. long, 12 ft. wide, 10 in. deep	$ 90 00
Gravelled near J. Conley's, 495 ft. long, 14 ft. wide, 10 in. deep	117 00
Repairing culvert and cleaning ice from under R. R. bridge	4 75
Scraping roads and removing stones	275 00
Cleaning streets at North	9 00
Cleaning streets at Centre	3 85
Cleaning mud from under R. R. bridge twice and gravelling once	15 00
On Salem road, gravelled 500 ft. long, 11 ft. wide, 7 in. deep	61 00
Repairing Manning road	30 00
Leonard's Hill, made gutters and gravelled 675 ft. long, 11 ft wide, 5 in. deep	125 00
Near E. Smith's, making gutters and gravelling 825 ft. long, 14 ft. wide, 7 in deep as ordered by County Commissioners	255 00
Jones's corner, gravelled 192 ft. long, 8 ft. wide, 7 in. deep	31 00
Raking stone	81 50
Gravelled hill near Henry Duren's	28 00
Patching Gilson hill road	3 00
Patching main road from J. Conley's to Chelmsford line	45 75

Cleaning gutters and catch-basins at North	$24 10
Near Fordway bridge, gravelled 85 ft. long, 13 ft. wide, 8 in. deep	15 65
Near Fox Hill Cemetery, made gutters and gravelled 525 ft. long, 16 ft. wide, 7 in. deep	127 50
Filling R. R. crossings from Fordway bridge to the Centre	32 00
Removing mud near Faulkner Corp. twice and patching	8 00
Raking stone	60 00
Patching Lowell street	15 50
Elm street, gravelled 74 ft. long, 13 ft. wide, 7 in. deep	16 00
Near C. Foster's, gravelled	28 00
Cleaning gutters at Center	18 00
Bedford Hill, made gutters and gravelled 124 ft. long, 11 ft. wide, 4 in. deep	32 00
Patching, near J. Stahle's	3 00
Near Burton's shop, laying over culvert and graveling	15 25
Near A. D. Boynton's, laying over culvert	14 00
Near J. Sutcliffe's, gravelled 150 ft. long, 10 ft. wide, 8 in. deep	15 75
Near J. H. Call's, gravelled 174 ft. long, 8 ft. wide, 8 in. deep, and patching	32 25
Gravelling from F. H. Parker's store to Andover street, and patching the square	195 70
Near P. W. Tully's, laid over culvert and cleaned water course	14 00
Near P. W. Tully's, laid over culvert	12 75
Near E. F. Dickinson's mill, made gutters and gravelled 295 ft. long, 12 ft. wide, 4 in. deep	56 45
Near Cook place, Shawsheen, repairing culvert	8 00
Covering water course, near Howe school	3 00
Filling sides road, in Tuft's lane	30 50
Raking stone	31 50
Cleaning culvert on Wilson street	12 00
Near F. A. Casey's, gravelled 450 ft. long, 11 ft. wide, 9 in. deep	108 00
Blasting stone in west part of town	6 25
Filling at the ends of Fordway bridge and patching	30 00
Near J. E. Rowell's, gravelled 350 ft. long, 11 ft. wide, 10 in. deep	32 05

Near D. Readon's, gravelled 64 ft. long, 11 ft. wide, 8 in. deep	$7 75
Cutting brush and limbs	213 00
Teaming lumber to Middle bridge	6 87
Filling near Shop hill, W. Billerica	15 25
Gravelling corner of Forest and Bedford streets	11 45
Work repairing two culverts on turnpike	10 00
Gravelling 400 ft. long, 6 ft. wide, 6 in. deep on Turnpike	32 00
Morgan's lane, gravelled 450 ft. long, 11 ft. wide, 9 in. deep	50 00
Work on Talbot avenue	53 18
Near Baptist Church at Centre, gravelled 206 ft. long, 18 ft. wide, 6 in. deep	47 00
Corner Elm and Wilson streets, gravelled 400 ft. long, 30 ft. wide, 10 in. deep	133 20
Rockie hill, made gutters and gravelled 396 ft. long, 11 ft. wide, 6 in. deep	82 75
Moving stone on Billerica Ave	3 00
Hill near White brook, gravelled 72 ft. long, 11 ft. wide, 7 in. deep	8 00
Repairing bridge culvert near J. Hopkin's	8 00
Patching hill near O. Maybury's	12 00
Work with teams on McAdam road	248 00
Making gutters, blasting and digging stone on Alexander hill	17 00
Making gutters on Skunk and the South side of Crosby hill	18 25
Making gutters on hill near C. Wright's and scraping bridge hill	18 25
Scraping gutters on five hills in W. Billerica	34 00
Cutting and teaming the ridges from sides of road between A. Brown's and M. McElligott's	25 25
Near Mitchell's school, gravelled 660 ft. long, 18 ft. wide, 7 in. deep	139 60
Between A. Dutton's and O. Maybury's, gravelled 890 ft. long, 11 ft. wide, 7 in. deep	61 80
Moving loam and stone to get gravel at C. S. Smith's pit	37 50
Moving stone and making road to J. W. Essex's pit	45 00

Near Shop hill, W. Billerica, gravelled 330 ft. long, 11 ft. wide, 9 in. deep	$60 00
Widened street in front of Town Hall, Center, unfinished	43 85
Cleaning culvert near Desmar's place	8 50
Near J. Wright's, gravelled 240 ft. long, 11 ft. wide, 6 in. deep	46 45
Near H. A. Dutton's place, gravelled 250 ft. long, 10 ft. wide, 8 in. deep	35 00
Near G. Moore's, gravelled 132 ft. long, 11 ft. wide, 10 in. deep	31 50
Patching near G. F. Harndens	7 00
Breaking roads	27 39
Repairing washouts in all localities	125 00
Gravel owned by Town	160 00

McADAM ROAD.

Located between R. R. station and Faulkner Corp. bridge, 770 ft. long, 25 ft. wide, 11 in. deep, before rolling excavation	206 03
Crushing, teaming and rolling 820 tons of stone	871 32

Cost per ton, $1.06.
Cost per square yard, .41.

EDWARD SPAULDING,

Superintendent.

HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

Appropriation, $3,500 00

March, 1899.

Pay roll for March	$ 142	25
Paid John E. Rowell, snow	25	60
Edwin Manning, hay	18	20
E. E. Cole, grain	20	31
W. Hopkinson, snow	4	60
F. A. Lewis, snow	2	80
W. H. Lewis, snow	4	60
C. L. Burton, repairs	3	05
E. Manning, cutting brush	1	20
C. S. Smith, gravel	75	00
H. W. Essex, snow	9	20
	306	81

April, 1899.

Pay roll for April	$ 278	50
Paid C. L. Burton, blacksmith	1	85
Howe Lumber Co., lumber	134	84
E. E. Cole, grain	22	99
Edwin Manning, hay	17	50
	455	68

May, 1899.

Pay roll for May	$ 280	50
Paid E. Spaulding, for use of horse	19	75
H. W. Essex, gravel	65	00
Edgar Snow, horse	160	45
J. E. Bottomley, snow	1	00
C. L. Burton, blacksmith	4	96
	531	66

JUNE, 1899.

Pay roll for June	$ 266	50
Paid C. L. Burton, blacksmith	9	70
P. J. Sexton, blacksmith	4	78
F. Harrington, teaming	8	95
H. A. King, supplies	1	62
Edwin Manning, hay	13	30
W. A. Sherman, medicine	6	00
	310	85

JULY, 1899.

Pay roll for July	$ 257	47
Paid F. A. Morey, supplies	55	17
E. E. Cole, grain	31	11
Edwin Manning, hay	26	85
C. L. Burton, blacksmith	4	20
E. W. Livingston, hay and lumber	24	30
D. W. Fitch, labor	4	69
E. F. Dickinson, straw	15	94
C. C. Johnson, supplies	11	40
	431	13

AUGUST, 1899.

Pay roll for August	$ 262	76
Paid C. S. Smith, hay	10	58
H. D. Livingston, labor	28	00
C. Burton, blacksmith	6	83
Bartlett & Dow, supplies	4	10
F. A. Morey, grain	30	55
C. S. Hill, repairs on carriage	38	50
C. S Hill, blacksmith	19	21
	400	53

SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Pay roll for September	$ 182	50
Paid E. E. Cole, grain	35	28
American Express, express	1	20

Paid C. C. Johnson, supplies	$8	15
Chas. R. Wild, hay	31	35
P. J. Sexton, repairs	4	37
F. A. Morey, supplies	2	65
H. D. Livingston, labor	8	00
Holden & Co., supplies	18	85
	292	35

OCTOBER, 1899.

Pay roll for October	$ 157	49
Paid Chas. R. Wild, hay	37	66
C. L. Burton, blacksmith	3	58
W. Alexander, snow	15	70
W. W. Wilson, solution		50
	214	93

NOVEMBER, 1899.

Pay roll for November	$ 213	14
Paid E. E. Cole, grain	12	65
F. A. Morey, supplies	69	89
C. L. Burton, blacksmith	2	55
Holden & Co., supplies	4	85
C. S. Smith, gravel	50	00
Fred Bemis, gravel	50	00
	403	08

DECEMBER, 1899.

Pay roll for December	$ 267	39
Paid W. H. Sexton, blacksmith	13	89
C. L. Burton, blacksmith	3	53
C. C. Johnson, supplies	6	50
E. E. Cole, grain	25	10
A. H. Jones, hay	49	59
P. J. Sexton, blacksmith	5	35
F. A. Morey, supplies	13	30
	384	65

JANUARY, 1900.

Pay roll for January	$ 231	14
Paid W. H. Sexton, blacksmith	7	20
C. L. Burton, blacksmith	10	85
E. E. Cole, grain	42	85
C. C. Johnson, supplies	5	68
J. E. Farmer	2	00
	299	72

FEBRUARY, 1900.

Pay roll for February	$ 231	50
Paid F. A. Morey, supplies	27	76
J. E. Rowell, repairs	4	00
A. H. Jones, hay	39	92
E. E. Cole, grain	13	80
Geo. E. Simonds, snow	7	00
M. H. McElligott, labor	1	50
Merriam & Moore, gravel	2	00
Geo. P. Greenwood, gravel	1	80
Geo. F. Colson, gravel	5	45
C. E. Blaisdell, gravel	1	65
Dennis O'Keefe, gravel	5	00
	341	38

WARRANTS AND DOINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS

For the Year 1899-1900.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

HELD MONDAY, MARCH TWENTY-SEVENTH.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
MIDDLESEX, SS. }

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the Town of Billerica, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, March Twenty-Seventh, at 9.00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To determine the number of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Auditors, Constables, Collector of Taxes.

ART. 3. The polls will be open in accordance with the by-laws of the town, for the election of the following Town Officers on one ballot for one year: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, one or more Constables, one member of the Board of Health for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one

member of the Sinking Fund Commissioners for three years; one member of the Water Commissioners for three years.

ART. 4. To see if the town will choose Highway Surveyors, and all other necessary town officers.

ART. 5. To choose a member of the Bowers' Fund Committee for a term of five years.

ART. 6. To see if the town will accept the revision of the jury box made by the Selectmen, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 7. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and all other town officers and committees heretofore appointed.

ART. 9. To vote on the following question, viz: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Billerica? Yes, or No.

ART. 10. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray the town expenses for the ensuing year, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $150.00 for painting and repairing town farm buildings, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the use of the veterans on Memorial Day.

ART. 13. To see what method the town will adopt for the repair of the roads and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize and direct the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow tempo-

rarily in anticipation of taxes of the present municipal year, and give the negotiable note or notes of the town for the money so borrowed, and that all such temporary loans shall be paid from the said taxes.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey land on Billerica avenue or any other land belonging to the town farm, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars to be divided between the V. I. A. of North Billerica and Billerica Centre to be expended by them for street lighting, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to borrow the sum of nine thousand one hundred and sixty dollars payable in ten equal instalments of nine hundred and sixteen dollars each, with interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent. per annum payable semi-annually, and give negotiable town notes therefor severally payable in one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten years, and countersigned by the Board of Selectmen; the proceeds to be used in replacing or repaying in full whatever sums of money have been borrowed or used from the Bowers' Fund, so called, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 18. To see if the town will choose a committee to whom shall be referred with full powers to act thereon, the matter of selling the town farm and procuring a substitute therefor, said committee to report finally their doings not later than the annual town meeting in 1901, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 19. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to pay to Herbert W. Sheldon one hundred and fifty dollars appropriated in 1896 for a flag pole at North Billerica.

ART. 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the

sum of four hundred dollars for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk from Faulkner Manufacturing Co. eastward to St. Andrew's Church, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 21. To see if the town will adopt the provisions of Chapter 264 of the Acts of 1890, entitled "An act relating to Public Cemeteries," or act in relation to the same.

ART. 22. In the event that the town adopt the provisions of Chapter 264 of the Acts of 1890, to elect by ballot three Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds as therein provided, one for the term of three years, one for the term of two years, and one for one year.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars for the purpose of conveying the school children from the Shawsheen district to the Crosby school, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to be expended at the discretion of the School Committee for conveying the children, above the sixth grade from the outside schools to the graded schools at the Centre or North, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 25. To see if the town will sell and convey to H. E. Dutton a small tract of land in the rear of where he now lives or do anything in relation thereto.

ART. 26. To see what action the town will take in regard to opening the old turnpike, so called, at Mr. Francis Bowman's from the Lexington road to the Bedford line.

ART. 27. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to expend a sum of money not exceeding three hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of a street sprinkler, said sum to be taken from the appropriation for McAdam road.

ART. 28. To see if the town will appropriate one hundred dollars, to be expended for library books, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at the Town Hall, one copy in each of the Post Offices of the Town, and one copy in each of the porches or vestibules of the several churches in town, at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant to the Town Clerk, with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOSIAH WRIGHT,
Selectmen of Billerica.

A true copy. Attest:

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
Constable.

I have served this Warrant as within directed.

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
Constable.

At a legal meeting held under the foregoing warrant, the following action was taken, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. C. H. Kohlrausch was unanimously chosen moderator by use of ballot and check list, and sworn by the clerk.

The moderator appointed as tellers, S. A. Bull, D. M. Staley, A. W. Holden, and M. Coughlin, who were sworn by the clerk.

ART. 2. On motion of F. Jaquith it was voted that there be chosen, 3 selectmen, 3 assessors, 3 overseers of poor, 3 auditors, 2 constables, 1 collector, 1 school committee, 1 member of the sinking fund commissioners, 1 member of the board of health.

Moved by F. Jaquith that Article 4 be taken up, and it was so voted.

ART. 3. The polls were opened at 9.40 A. M. It was moved by John Stearns and so voted that the polls close at 3 o'clock P. M. Polls closed at 3 P. M., M. O. Simons and E. L. McMahon were appointed tellers and sworn by the clerk.

The following was the vote cast:

FOR SELECTMEN—	VOTES.
J. E. ROWELL*	278
E. B. HASKELL*	320
JOSIAH WRIGHT*	345
THOMAS M. CLARK	51
SCATTERING	29
BLANKS	13

*Declared elected and sworn by the clerk.

FOR TOWN CLERK—	VOTES.
HERBERT A. KING*	351
BLANKS	1

*Declared elected and sworn by the moderator.

FOR TOWN TREASURER	VOTES
JOHN A. RICHARDSON*	353
BLANKS	1

*Declared elected and sworn by the clerk.

FOR ASSESSORS—	VOTES.
ALBERT H. JONES	46
GEORGE E. SIMONDS*	354
JOSIAH WRIGHT*	343
WM. H. HUTCHINS*	202
JOHN E. ROWELL	102

SCATTERING	3
BLANKS	8

*Declared elected and sworn by the clerk.

FOR OVERSEERS OF POOR—	VOTES
WM. H. HUTCHINS	5
SEARS J. COOK*	352
JOHN E. ROWELL*	336
E. B. HASKELL*	284
MOSES P. GREENWOOD	52
SCATTERING	14
BLANKS	5

*Declared and sworn by the clerk.

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE—	VOTES
F. A. CASEY*	287
J. E. BULL	67
M. O. SIMONS	1
BLANKS	1

*Declared elected.

FOR WATER COMMISSIONER—	VOTES.
J. N. PARKER*	299
D. L. MASON	2
BLANKS	1

*Declared elected.

FOR SINKING FUND COMMISSIONER—	VOTES
F. A. MOREY*	157

*Declared elected.

FOR CONSTABLES—	VOTES
MARTIN CONWAY, JR.,*	352
E. W. LIVINGSTON*	351
SCATTERING	3
BLANKS	1

*Declared elected and sworn by the clerk.

FOR HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.	VOTES
EDW. SPAULDING*	284
COBURN S. SMITH	62
WM. H. HUTCHINS	2
G. SPAULDING	1

*Declared elected and sworn by clerk.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR—	VOTES
A. H. JONES*	354

*Declared elected.

FOR AUDITOR—	VOTES.
E. B. COLBY*	354
R. T. PERRY*	353
G. P. GREENWOOD*	352
SCATTERING	2
BLANKS	1

*Declared elected.

FOR BOARD OF HEALTH	VOTES.
COBURN S. SMITH*	344
M. A. BUCK	145
J. B. TYLER	52
J. E. ROWELL	53
SCATTERING	4
BLANKS	4

*Declared elected.

ART. 4. Moved by F. Jaquith that a surveyor of highways be chosen and it was so voted. And by the same that this officer be voted for on the same ballot with the other town officers which was also voted. On motion of E. Baker this article was again taken up at 10 A. M.

FENCE VIEWERS. On motion of John Fisk the selectmen were chosen fence viewers.

FIELD DRIVERS. On motion of Coburn S. Smith, Isaac Hopkinson and Martin Conway, Jr. were chosen field drivers.

On motion of L. Blood the following were chosen surveyors of wood and lumber: John E. Rowell, sworn; Geo. E. Simonds, sworn; M. C. Murphy, declined March 30, 1899; Volentine Robbins, sworn; Wm. F. Symmes, sworn; Chas. A. Foster; Edward Harrington; Chas. R. Wild, sworn; H. A. King, sworn.

ART. 5. On motion of Oren Maybury, George E. Simonds was made a member of the Bower's fund committee for five years.

ART. 6. The jury list as revised by the selectmen, was presented and F. A. Morey and Volentine Robbins wishing to be excused the names of Frank S. Bartlett and Thomas Harregan were substituted.

On motion of E. Spaulding the list was then accepted, it being as follows:

W. H. Hutchins.....Farmer
Henry Desmarzes.....Farmer
Josiah Wright.....Stone Mason
Charles A. Wright.....Clerk
John E. Bull.....Merchant
Leonard Blood.....Farmer
Bernard Kearney.....Farmer
George F. Colsen.....Farmer
John E. Bottomley.....Farmer
C. W. Flanders.....Optician
Henry Shuman.....Farmer
Sidney A Bull.....Merchant
Joseph S. Holt.....Shoemaker
Daniel Callahan Jr.....Farmer
E. B. Haskell.....Farmer
Edwin Manning.....Farmer
W. W. Nason.....Clergyman
George E. Simonds.....Farmer
J. N. Pardee.....Farmer
Edward Spaulding.....Teamster
Dennis O'Keefe.....Farmer
Clarence Bowman.....Farmer

Fred H. Parker ..... Merchant
Albert Barrington ..... Spinner
Albert Barrington..... Teamster
H. D. Livingston..... Teamster
E. G. Hutchins..... Carpenter
Franklin Jaquith..... Manufacturer
Joseph H. Call..... Farmer
Martin Conway ..... Farmer
H. A. King ..... Clerk
J. E. Rowell..... Farmer
John H. Foster ..... Insurance Agent
H. M. Hutchins ..... Retired
R. B. Holden ..... Farmer
Dick Folsom ..... Farmer
Albert H. Jones ..... Collector
Oscar Smith ..... Marchant
L. B. Gannon ..... Real Estate Broker
Frank S. Bartlett ..... Janitor
Thomas Harrigan... ..... Nurse

ART. 7. On motion of F. Jaquith, it was voted that the method be the same as last year.

ART. 8. On motion of E. B. Haskell, it was voted that this article be laid upon the table until the afternoon session.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NAMING STREETS.

The Billerica Historical Society in presenting this revised list of names for the roads and streets of the town have followed in most cases the list of names as prepared by the previous committee. Where the changes have been made, or new names substituted, it has been done with the thought of reviewing the old historic names, the better to identify the road from the town records and also to restore the old name as an interesting link that connects us with the past history of the town. Recognizing the right and interest of

every citizen of the town in common with us the list is hereby presented for your consideration. In case it is accepted it is suggested that a sum be appropriated to suitably mark the roads and streets as designated.

FREDERIC A. MOREY,
President of the Billerica Historical Society.

THE LIST AS PRESENTED WAS AS FOLLOWS.

1. Boston road, from Chelmsford line running south to Burlington line.
2. Lowell street, from Boston road running easterly to Elm street, No. Billerica.
3. Sprague street, from Boston road running easterly to Treble Cove road, No. Billerica.
4. Treble Cove road, from Fordway bridge running southeast to Carlisle line.
5. Colson street, from Lowell street running south to Treble Cove road, No. Billerica.
6. Wilson street, from Elm street running southeast to Fordway bridge, No. Billerica.
7. Talbot avenue, from Elm street running south to Fordway bridge, No. Billerica.
8. Faulkner street, from Elm street running easterly to junction near railroad bridge, No. Billerica.
9. Pollard street, from Fordway bridge running south to Boston road, No. Billerica.
10. Union Hall street, from Faulkner street running east to railroad station, No. Billerica.
11. Railroad street, from railroad station running south to Mt. Pleasant street, No. Billerica.
12. Mt. Pleasant street, from Rogers street running east to High street, No. Billerica.

13. Billerica avenue, from Mt. Pleasant street to South Lowell line, No. Billerica.

14. High street, from Tewksbury line running south to railroad bridge, thence southwest to Pollard street, No Billerica.

15. Russell street, (strike out) a continuation of street 14.

16. Call street, from Pollard street running east to Rogers street, No. Billerica.

17. Elm street, from Colson street running east to Faulkner street, No. Billerica.

18. Sheldon street, from High street running east to Tewksbury line, No. Billerica.

19. Oak street, from Sheldon street running southeast to Tewksbury line, No. Billerica.

20. Salem road from Boston road at corner bridge running southeast to Wilmington line.

21. Floyd street, from junction of Pollard and Boston road running east to Salem road, Billerica.

22. Pond street, from Andover road running southeasterly to Mud pond, Tewksbury line, Billerica.

23. Andover road, from Boston road running easterly to Tewksbury line, Billerica.

24. Gray street, from Andover road running north to Tewksbury line, Billerica.

25. Canal street, from Andover road running easterly to Salem road, E. Billerica.

26. Whipple road, from Salem road running easterly to Tewksbury line.

27. Rangeway road, from Boston road running westerly to Carlisle line, No. Billerica.

28. Chelmsford road, from Boston road running westerly to Chelmsford line, No. Billerica.

29. Bridge street, from corner Bridge to Treble Cove road.

30. Parker street, from River street running south to Richardson street, Billerica.

31. Richardson street, from Parker street running east to Whiting street, Billerica.

32. Concord road, running from the junction of River street and Boston road southerly to Bedford line.

32. Whiting street, from Richardson street running south to Concord road, Billerica.

33. Tufts lane, from Boston road running easterly to Jone's Farm, Billerica.

34. Charnstaffe lane, from Boston road running westerly to Concord road, Billerica.

35. Lexington road, from Boston road running south to Bedford line, Billerica.

36. Common street, from Boston road running west to Concord road, Billerica.

37. Wyman road, from Boston road running south to Bedford line.

38. School lane, from Wyman road running southwest to Lexington road, Billerica.

39. Nashua road, from Chelmsford line running south to Bedford line, W. Billerica.

40. River street, from Boston road running westerly to Treble Cove road, Billerica.

41. Winning street, from Treble Cove road running westerly to Rangeway road, W. Billerica.

42. Duren street, from Treble Cove running westerly to Rangeway.

43. Sullivan street, from Nashua street running northerly to Chelmsford line near Wiley's house, W. Billerica.

44. West street, from Treble Cove running westerly to Carlisle line, W. Billerica.

45. Dudley road, from Concord road running westerly to Bedford line, So. Billerica.

46. Middlesex Turnpike, from Concord road to Lexington road running south.

47. Stewart street, running westerly from Turnpike No. 4 to Stewart's house, So. Billerica.

48. French street, from Concord road running southwest to Turnpike, So. Billerica.

49. Manning road, from Lexington road running westerly to Spring street, So. Billerica.

50. Webb Brook road, from Boston road running easterly to Allen street, S. E. Billerica.

51. Allen road, from Boston road northeasterly to Andover road, E. Billerica.

52. Cook street, from Boston road running northeasterly to Wilmington line, S. E. Billerica.

53. Burlington road, from Cook street running easterly to Burlington line, E. Billerica.

54. Alexander street, from Cook street to Wilmington line running northeasterly.

55. Baldwin street, from Allen street running easterly to Salem road, E. Billerica.

56. Spring street, from Concord road running southeasterly to Bedford line, So. Billerica.

E. F. Dickinson moved that the street named by the committee "Common street" (36) be changed to Cummings street, and it was so voted.

On motion of E. L. McMahon the report was then accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECORDS.

H. A. King stated for the committee "that there had been but little work done during the year except to make investigations as to the cost of publishing the first volume of the records. It was found impossible to do this with the amount of money which the committee had at their disposal.

There still remains to the credit of this work $194.00. It is hoped that during the coming year this amount may be expended in the work. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Jaquith last year has not been filled."

On motion of E. L. McMahon, John A. Richardson was added to the record committee to fill the existing vacancy.

The report of the selectmen was accepted as printed in the town reports.

ART. 9. The polls were opened at 9.45 A. M. On motion of Rev. M. O. Simons it was voted that the polls be kept open until 3 o'clock, P. M. The vote as declared by the moderator was, yes 57, no. 266.

ART. 10. On motion of E. B. Haskell, this article was laid upon the table until the afternoon session. At 1.40 P. M. this article was taken up and the following appropriations were made:

Schools	$9,000 00
Highways	3,500 00
McAdam Road	1,150 00
Bridges	250 00
Fire Department	1,500 00
Town Farm	1,000 00
Incidentals	1,300 00
Janitor and Police	1,500 00
Outside Relief	1,200 00
Debt Appropriation	2,500 00
Interest	1,700 00
Insurance	150 00
Sinking Fund and Bond Interest	2,000 00

State and County Tax	$3,500 00
Soldiers' Releif	100 00
Registrars of Voters	100 00
Street Lighting	700 00
Selectmen	375 00
Assessors	250 00
Overseers of the Poor	200 00
School Committee	180 00
Town Clerk	150 00
Town Treasurer	250 00
Tax Collector	350 00
Election Officers	100 00
Cattle Inspector	500 00
Fish Warden	100 00
Cemeteries	250 00
Common	75 00
Board of Health	50 00
Auditors	45 00
Sidewalks	100 00
Hydrants	2,300 00
Town Water	50 00
Water deficit	1,000 00

Moved by J. E. Rowell that the amount raised by this article be $29,000, and it was so voted.

ART. 11. On motion of J. E. Rowell $150 was raised and appropriated for the purpose named in this article.

ART. 12. On motion of E. Spaulding $100 was raised and appropriated for the use of the veterans on Memorial Day.

ART. 13. On motion of E. Baker it was voted that we adopt the same method as last year.

ART. 14. Moved by F. Jaquith and unanimously voted That the treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow temporarily in anticipation of taxes of the present municipal year, the sum of $25,000, and give the negotiable note or notes of the town for money so borrowed, and that all such temporary loans shall be paid from the said taxes.

ART. 15. Moved by F. Jaquith that this article be dismissed. Moved by R Barrington, in amendment, that it be laid upon the table until the afternoon session. Both motions were voted in the negative. Moved by E. Spaulding that the authority asked for by this article be granted and it was so voted.

ART. 16. On motion of Rev. M. O. Simons it was unanimously voted that the sum asked for be raised and appropriated and expended, as named in this article, for street lighting.

ART. 17. At 11.10 A. M., on motion of F. Jaquith it was voted that this article be laid upon the table until 2 P. M.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOWERS FUND AND HOWE SCHOOL NOTES.

Billerica, March 27, 1899.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Billerica:

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee appointed March 22, 1897, to investigate Bowers fund and Howe School notes, by whom given and by whom held, and make recommendations in relation to the same, beg leave to report as follows:

The notes held by the Howe School we find were given by the town, signed by its treasurer, and approved by one or more of its selectmen, and they are held by the treasurer of the trustees of the Howe School. These notes are dated as follows:

June 3, 1852	$1,000
July 12, 1878	1,000
August 13, 1878	1,000
September 11, 1879	1,500
March 20, 1880	1,400
August 4, 1880	500
Total	6,400

They bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum, and this rate the town is paying at the present time. We are all well aware of

the fact that the Howe School and the town are now in very close relation with each other. The Howe School is serving the town as a high school at absolutely no direct expense to the town. For that reason your committee consider that the rate of interest which the town is paying a perfectly fair one in every way. We have examined into the legality of the issuing of these notes, have employed counsel on the same, and we are firmly of the opinion that, although the notes are somewhat irregular and informal, there is no doubt that they are a legitimate debt of the town, and as such can be readily collected. Considering the fact that paying the Howe School this 6% is an indirect help thereto, and a help the town can well afford to give, your committee have seen fit to recommend that no change be made in these notes at present.

There are also two other notes given by the town to the Howe School which we consider do not come under our jurisdiction, but which we will mention to show that we have not unintentionally overlooked them.

They are dated Dec. 19, 1895 and are for $1,000 each. They fall due Dec. 19, 1899 and 1900 respectively. These notes were given under a direct vote of the town passed in 1895 and the proceeds were used to purchase furniture, etc., for the new town hall. As ample provision is made to pay these notes, no action, now, is necessary or appropriate.

In regard to the Bower's fund notes, your committee find as follows. They were given by the town, signed by its treasurer, and approved by one or more of its selectmen, and they are now held by your present treasurer as custodian of the Bower's fund. They are dated as follows:

December 1, 1871	$5,960
May 15, 1874	800
June 18, 1878	400
November 3, 1885	2,000
Total	9,160

The town has been paying 5 per cent. interest on these notes for about ten years, but the notes were originally written at 6 per cent.

We find that the conditions which arise from the towns using this money belonging to the Bower's fund, and giving in its place town notes, is anything but favorable.

This Bower's fund was left to the town in trust, the principal to be invested, and the income used for a specific purpose. The town has spent $9160 of this principal and put in the place thereof its own notes.

This is a condition of facts that should not exist. If this should happen in the case of an individual, that is, if a person to whom money, or other property, is left in trust for another, should use the money for his own use and put in his own notes, it would be considered as embezzlement, but in the case of the town it could hardly be considered in that light. Our council informs us that this money should be replaced in the Bower's fund as soon as possible.

With this end in view we have caused this article to be inserted in the warrant, and most respectfully recommend that this money be borrowed by the town and placed back in the Bowers fund to be invested in some safe and legal security, and the income be spent as directed in the wills of Mary and Fannie Bowers.

Since this article was prepared and printed your committee have reconsidered the form of borrowing the money as stated in the article, and recommend that the money be borrowed in the following manner: That the treasurer be authorized to borrow, with the approval of the selectmen, the sum of $9,000, payable in nine equal instalments of $1,000 each, with interest at a rate not exceeding 5 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually; and give negotiable town notes therefor, severally payable in one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, and nine years; and that the $160 due over and

above the $9,000 be paid from the premium on the notes which the town will receive when the notes are sold.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. RICHARDSON,
FRANKLIN JAQUITH,
E. F. DICKINSON,
Committee.

It was voted that the report be accepted.

The following was moved by F. Jaquith:

I move that the treasurer be hereby authorized and directed to borrow the sum of nine thousand dollars, and to give therefor nine negotiable promissory notes of the town, each for the sum of one thousand dollars, severally payable in one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight and nine years from the date thereof, with interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent. per annum payable semi-annually, such notes to be countersigned by the board of selectmen, or a majority thereof, and the proceeds therefrom to be used in replacing or repaying nine thousand dollars of the money which has been borrowed or used from the Bowers fund, so called, and that the one hundred and sixty dollars due over and above the nine thousand dollars be paid from the premium on these notes which the town will receive when these notes are sold. The balance of the premium, if there be any, to be placed in the treasury and be credited to the appropriation for interest.

This motion to pass requiring a two-thirds vote the house was polled by rising vote with the result of 100 yes, 101 no, and the motion was declared not carried.

ART. 18. The moderator taking the floor, and his place being filled by the clerk, C. H. Kohlrausch, moved that the selectmen be chosen to act as the committee and that the article be accepted and adopted. This motion unanimously prevailed.

ART. 19. Moved by R. Barrington and so voted that the

town pay to Herbert W. Sheldon the sum of money named in this article.

Art. 20. At 11.19 A. M. it was moved by Martin Conway that this article be laided upon the table until after the noon recess and by rising vote there were, yes 62, no 39. Declared carried.

At 2.40 P. M. this article was again taken up and E. L. McMahon moved that the amount asked for by this article be raised and appropriated, and that the selectmen be a committee to expend the same. By a rising vote the result was, yes 164, no 15. Declared carried.

Art. 21. F. Jaquith moved that the town adopt the provisions of Chapter 264, Acts of 1890, and elect three commissioners as provided by said chapter. This motion was unanimously carried.

Art. 22. John E. Bowman moved that the moderator cast one ballot for cemetery commissioners bearing the names of J. N. Parker for one year, Joseph Jaquith for two years, and H. A. King for three years. This motion unanimously prevailed. The ballot being cast the moderator declared J. N. Parker chosen for one year, Joseph Jaquith for two years, and H. A. King for three years.

Art. 23. On motion of D. M. Staley it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum asked for the purpose named in this article.

Art. 24. Geo. R. Herrick moved that this article be dismissed. This motion did not prevail. Joseph Ellis moved that the sum asked for be raised and appropriated for the purpose asked for by this article. This was voted in the affirmative.

Art. 25. It was voted that the selectmen be a committee to sell and convey the land as asked for by this article.

Art. 26. On motion of E. B. Haskell it was voted that the "Old Turnpike" be opened at Mr. Francis Bowman's from the Lexington road to Bedford line.

Art. 27. E. B. Haskell moved that a street sprinkler be purchased in the manner asked for by this article. By rising vote there was, yes 82, no 63, and the motion was declared carried.

ART. 28. On motion of J. N. Pardee it was voted to make the appropriation asked for by this article. Yes 68, no 44.

At 5.30 P. M. on motion of E. L. McMahon it was voted that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest: HERBERT A. KING,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
MIDDLESEX, SS. }

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the Town of Billerica, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Billerica, on Monday evening, June nineteenth, at 7.30 o'clock, to act upon the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the Town of Billerica will unite with the Towns of Bedford and Lincoln for the purpose of the employment of a Superintendent of Schools under the provisions of Chapter 466, of the Acts of 1898, and transact any other business that shall legally come before said meeting.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at the Town Hall, and one copy at each of the porches or vestibules of the several churches in town, at least eight days before said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant to the Town Clerk, with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOSIAH WRIGHT,
Selectmen of Billerica.

A true copy. Attest:

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
Constable.

BILLERICA, June 19, 1899.

I have served the within Warrant by posting attested copies at the Town Hall and in each of the post-offices of the town and in the porches or vestibules of the several churches of the town, at east eight days before said meeting

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
Constable of the Town of Billerica.

At a legal meeting held under the above warrant the following action was taken:

ART. 1. Chose C. H. Kohlrausch moderator by the ballot and check list. Sworn by the clerk.

ART. 2. Moved by F. S. Clark that this town unite with the towns of Bedford and Lincoln for the purpose of forming a district for the employment of a superintendent of schools, as provided for by Chapter 466 of the Acts of 1898.

A Yea and Nay vote was taken upon the question and the chair being in doubt, and it also being doubted by both sides from the floor, a rising vote was taken.

The chair appointed as tellers A. W. Holden, J. E. Bowman, and M. O. Simons, who were sworn by the clerk.

The vote upon the question was, yes 44, no 72, and the motion was declared not carried.

On motion of E. L. McMahon the meeting was then adjourned.

Attest: HERBERT A. KING,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
MIDDLESEX, SS. }

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the Town of Billerica, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, August twenty-eighth, at 7.30 in the evening, to act upon the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will vote to unite to form a union with the Town of Merrimack for the purpose of employing a Superintendent of Schools, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at the Town Hall, one copy in each of the post-offices of the town, and one copy in each of the porches or vestibules of the several churches in town at least eight days before said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant to the Town Clerk with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of August, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOSIAH WRIGHT,
Selectmen of Billerica.

A true copy. Attest:

E. W. LIVINGSTON,
Constable.

BILLERICA, August 28, 1899.

I have served this warrant as within directed.

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
Constable.

At a legal meeting held under the above warrant the following action was taken:

ART. 1. C. H. Kohlrausch was unanimously chosen moderator by the use of ballot and check list and sworn by the clerk.

ART. 2. Under this article the following motion was presented. I make a motion that this town vote to unite with the town of Merrimack for the purpose of employing a superintendent of schools and empower the school committee to confer with the Merrimack committee and agree upon a superintendent at the earliest possible convenience.

D. MOYER STALEY.

On motion of J. E. Bowman it was voted that when the vote was taken upon the motion of D. Moyer Staley it be by ballot. The moderator appointed as tellers, A. W. Holden, Fred L. Gleason, Victor Hosmer, John E. Bowman, who were sworn by the clerk. By unanimous consent of the meeting Mr. Loomis, of Bedford, took the floor and stated that his town was ready to join Billerica in the employment of a superintendent of schools. After a full and lengthy discussion of the question the vote was taken with the following result: No 54, yes 64. The moderator declared the motion to be carried.

On motion of F. Jaquith it was voted that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest: HERBERT A. KING,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
MIDDLESEX, SS. }

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the Town of Billerica, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday, October 23, at 7.45 in the evening, to act upon the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will approve and adopt the by-laws, rules and regulations made by the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds in the execution of their trust, to be read and submitted at said meeting, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at the Town Hall, one copy in each of the post-offices of the town, and one copy in each of the porches or vestibules of the several churches in town, at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant to the Town Clerk, with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOSIAH WRIGHT,
Selectmen of Billerica.

A true copy. Attest:

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
Constable.

BILLERICA, October 23, 1899.

I have served this warrant as within directed.

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
Constable.

At a legal town meeting held under the foregoing action was taken:

ART. 1. Chose C. H. Kohlrausch moderator by the use of ballot and check list. Sworn by the clerk.

ART. 2. On motion of J. N. Parker the by-laws, rules and regulations were read by the clerk from the type written copy.

By unanimous vote section six (6) of the rules and regulations was amended by adding after the words "All interments" the words "in lots hereafter sold" so as to read "All interments in lots hereafter sold shall be," etc.

On motion of Mr. Jaquith it was voted that the by-laws, rules and regulations made by the commissioners of public burial grounds, in the execution of their trust, as amended, read and submitted to the town meeting be and hereby are approved and adopted and that a copy of the same be placed on file as a part of the town records.

The following is a copy of the by-laws, rules and regulations as approved and adopted.

BY-LAWS.

ART. 1. The members of the Cemetery Commission shall hold an Annual meeting for choice of officers at the Town Hall in Billerica during the month of April. Other meetings may be held at such times and at such places within the town as may be designated by the chairman.

2. At the Annual Meeting of the Commission in April, said Commission shall choose a Chairman and a clerk, who shall serve during the ensuing year, or until their successors are chosen.

3. The Commission shall also at the Annual Meeting or an adjournment thereof, choose a General Superintendent or a Superintendent for each Cemetery, as they may deem best.

4. A majority of the Commission shall be a quorum for the exercise of the powers of the Commission.

5. All bills contracted by the commission shall receive its approval before presentation to the town. Such approval shall be attested by the Clerk of the Commission.

6. These by-laws (rules and regulations) may be hereafter amended or altered by the said Commission, subject to the approval of the Town.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. A minimum charge of Five Dollars will be made for all lots not exceeding in area 350 sq. feet, and two cents per sq. foot for each square foot in addition to such area.

2. Owners of lots adjacent to each other shall in no case unite the same by grading or otherwise without special permission in writing from the Cemetery Commission.

3. Monuments and headstones may be erected subject to the approval of the Commission.

4. No curbings to surround any lot, corner posts above the grade platforms, steps or buttresses will be allowed, except on approval of the Cemetery Commission.

5. Owners of lots and graves will be required to keep the same in good condition, and may employ the Superintendent for such purpose, under authority and direction of the Cemetery Commission.

6. All interments in lots hereafter sold shall be with the feet toward the avenue or widest path when possible, and not less than four feet from the surface, and the lots shall front on the avenues or paths.

7. All lots must be improved by preparation for burial, and by grading within one year of date of conveyance.

8. All foundations for monuments and headstones shall be put in by the Superintendent of the Cemetery or under his direction.

9. All rubbish, as grass cut from the lots, loose stones and unnecessary soil, leaves, etc., must be removed by the lot owners to such places as are designated by the Superintendent.

10. No tree or shrub shall be planted in or removed from any lot without the permission of the Cemetery Commission, and the Commission may remove the same from any lot whenever the interest of the Cemetery shall demand such removal.

11. The grade of all lots shall be established by the Cemetery Commission.

12. No firearms shall be allowed within the Cemetery enclosure, except for use in military salutes.

13. No sign indicating that a lot or vault is "For Sale" will be permitted within the Cemetery enclosures and no lettered wooden board, except as erected by the Superintendent, will be premitted within the Cemeteries.

14. All digging and re-opening of graves shall be done by the Superintendent, or under his direction. A minimum charge of three dollars will be made for such service.

15. The Superintendent or Superintendents shall have the direct care of the Cemeteries under their charge and are empowered, authorized and required, with or without the intervention of the Cemetery commission, to enforce these rules and regulations.

16. All persons, or their legal representatives, who have taken up or occupied lots in either of the Cemeteries previous to the adoption of these rules and regulatins may be given a deed of said lot free of charge if said lot shall be in a condition conforming to the rules and regulations of the Cemetery Commission.

17. Every lot hereafter conveyed by the Town shall be inalienable by deed until sixty days after the same shall have been offered to the Cemetery Commission for the Town, at the price paid for the lot when bought from the town; and said Commission may, at any time within sixty days, pay for and take any such lot for the Town at said original price.

18. Proprietors of lots shall, under direction of the Commission, but at their own expense, grade the same. If any proprietor shall after six months' notice omit or neglect so to grade his lot, the Commission shall have the right to enter upon said lot and cause the same to be graded at the cost and charge of the proprietor.

19. Burial lots continuously neglected and needing proper maintenance or due improvement, may, in the discretion of the Commission, be duly maintained in proper condition by the Commission at the expense of said lot owners or their legal representatives, if they can be found, and otherwise at the reasonable expense of the Town.

20. If any monument, effigy, or enclosure, or any structure what-

ever, or any inscription is or may be placed in or upon any lot which shall be determined by the Commission to be offensive or improper, or injurious to the appearance of the surrounding lots or grounds, they shall have the right, and it shall be their duty, to enter upon such lot and remove the offensive or improper object.

NOTE.—The foregoing rules and regulations are made and adopted pursuant to Chap. 264, Acts of 1890, Sect. 11 and 111 of which are hereto annexed.

2. Said board of commissioners may lay out any existing public burial grounds within its territorial limits, and lands which may be hereafter purchased and set apart by said Town for the purpose of cemeteries and other public burial grounds, in suitable lots or other suitable subdivisions with proper paths and avenues; may plant, embellish and ornament the same, may enclose the same with proper fences and erect such suitable edifices, appendages and conveniences, and make such improvements as they shall from time to time deem convenient; and may make all such by-laws, rules and regulations, in the execution of their trust, subject to the approval of the Town, not inconsistent with the laws of the Commonwealth, as they may deem expedient.

3. Said board of commissioners shall have authority to grant and convey to any person by deed or suitable conveyance, made and executed in such manner and form as they may prescribe, the sole and exclusive right of burial and erecting tombs, cenataphs and other monuments or structures, upon such terms and conditions as they shall by rules and regulations prescribe; and all such deeds and conveyances, and all hereafter made of the same by the owners thereof, shall be recorded by said board of commissioners in suitable books or record, which said books shall be open to the public at all proper times.

Sec. 49. Chapter 207 of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts.

"Whoever wilfully destroys, mutilates, defaces, injures or removes a tomb, monument, gravestone or other structure or thing placed or designed for a memorial of the dead, or a fence, railing, or curbing intended for the protection or ornament of a tomb, monument, gravestone, or other structure before mentioned, or of an enclosure for the burial of the dead, or wilfully destroys, mutilates, removes, cuts, breaks or injures a tree, shrub, or maliciously disturbs the contents of a tomb or grave, shall be punished by fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars, or by

imprisonment in the Jail or House of Correction not exceeding three years."

On motion of Joseph Jaquith the meeting then dissolved.

Attest: HERBERT A. KING,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL NOVEMBER MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
MIDDLESEX, SS. }

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the Town of Billerica, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at precinct one, Town Hall, Billerica Centre, 6.30 A. M.; Precinct two, Republican Club building, North Billerica, 9 A. M., Tuesday, November 7, 1899, to bring in your votes on one ballot for the following officers:

Governor, Lieut. Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Councillor 6th Middlesex District, Senator 6th Middlesex District, Two Representatives in General Court, 27th Middlesex District, County Commissioners, Sheriff for the term of three years.

The polls may close at 4 P. M.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at Town Hall, one copy in each of the Post Offices of the town, and one copy in each of the porches or vestibules of the several churches in town, at least eight days before said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOSEPH WRIGHT,
Selectmen of Billerica.

A true copy attest:

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
Constable.

BILLERICA, NOV. 6, 1899.

I have served this warrant as within directed,

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
Constable.

At a legal meeting held under the foregoing warrant the following votes were cast as returned by the precint officers:

PRECINCT ONE.

GOVERNOR—	VOTES
Albert B. Coats of Beverly	5
W. Murray Crane of Dalton	127
Robert Treat Paine, Jr., of Boston	20
Winfield P. Potter of Newburyport	1
George R. Peare of Lynn	1
Blank	10

LIEUT. GOVERNOR—	VOTES
John L. Bates of Boston	131
John H. Mack of North Adams	20
James H. Roberts of Cambridge	4
Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton	1
James F. Stevens of Boston	1
Blanks	7

SECRETARY—	VOTES
Charles H. Bradley of Haverhill	1
John B. Lewis, Jr., of Reading	4

Henry Lloyd of Boston	19
Frank McDonald of Stoneham	1
William M. Olin of Boston	127
Blanks	12

TREASURER—	VOTES
Edward S. Bradford of Springfield	129
Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence	18
Herbert B. Griffin of Winthrop	4
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield	1
Charles W. White of Winchester	0
Blanks	12

AUDITOR—	VOTES
Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton	18
Frank Albin Forsstorm of Worcester	1
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg	130
Angus McDonald of Boston	0
Franklin A. Palmer of Stockbridge	4
Blanks	11

ATTORNEY GENERAL—	VOTES
Addison W. Barr of Worcester	1
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford	131
John H. Morrison of Lowell	17
Sidney Perley of Salem	4
Walter P. J. Skahan of New Bedford	1
Blanks	10

COUNCILLOR—	VOTES
Marcellus H. Fletcher of Lowell	25
S. Herbert Howe of Marlborough	130
Blanks	9

SENATOR—	VOTES
George G. King of Concord	22
Frank A. Patch of Boxborough	130
Blanks	12

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT—	VOTES
Butler Ames of Lowell	109
John H. Riordan of Lowell	22
Daniel W. Robbins of Carlisle	126
John T. Sparks of Dracut	23
Blanks	48

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—	VOTES
Levi S. Gould of Melrose	130
Joseph V. Schugel of Woburn	4
Blanks	30

SHERIFF—	VOTES
John R. Fairbairn of Cambridge	132
Alfred E. Jones of Dracut	4
Blanks	28

PRECINCT TWO.

GOVERNOR—	VOTES
Albert B. Coats of Beverly	2
W. Murray Crane of Dalton	133
Robert Treat Paine, Jr., of Boston	90
George R. Peare of Lynn	6
Winfield P. Potter of Newburyport	1
Blanks	9

LIEUT. GOVERNOR—	VOTES
John L. Bates of Boston	137
John H. Mack of North Adams	81
James H. Roberts of Cambridge	1
Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton	0
James F. Stevens of Boston	7
Blanks	15

SECRETARY—	VOTES
Charles H. Bradley of Haverhill	7
John B. Lewis, Jr., of Reading	0
Henry Lloyd of Boston	77
Frank McDonald of Stoneham	13

William M. Olin of Boston	124
Blanks	20

TREASURER—	VOTES
Edward S. Bradford of Springfield	130
Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence	78
Herbert B. Griffin of Winthrop	0
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield	11
Charles W. White of Winchester	2
Blanks	20

AUDITOR	VOTES
Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton	78
Frank Albin Forsstrom of Worcester	9
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg	122
Angus McDonald of Boston	2
Franklin A. Palmer of Stockbridge	0
Blanks	30

ATTORNEY GENERAL—	VOTES
Addison W. Barr of Springfield	4
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford	129
John H. Morrison of Lowell	78
Sidney Perley of Salem	0
Walter P. J. Skahan	10
Blanks	20

COUNCILLOR—	VOTES
Marcellus H. Fletcher of Lowell	93
S. Herbert Howe of Marlborough	126
Blanks	20

SENATOR—	VOTES
George G. King of Concord	85
Frank A. Patch of Boxborough	126
Blanks	30

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—	VOTES
Butler Ames of Lowell	112
John H. Riordan of Lowell	89

Daniel W. Robbins of Carlisle	114
John T. Sparks of Dracut	94
Blanks	72

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—	VOTES
Levi S. Gould of Melrose	153
Joseph V. Schugel of Woburn	34
Blanks	54

SHERIFF—	VOTES
John R. Fairbairn of Cambridge	150
Alfred E. Jones of Everett	36
Blanks	55

Total vote of Precinct One	164
Total vote of Precinct Two	241

Attest: HERBERT A. KING,
Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX. CITY OF LOWELL.

City Clerk's Office, City Hall.
November 17, 1899. 12 o'clock, M.

We, the undersigned, Clerks of the city and towns included in the Twenty-Seventh Middlesex Representative District, certify that a meeting of said Clerks was holden as directed by Section 254, Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1898, at the place designated by the County Commissioners, to wit: At the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Lowell, Mass., on the date and at the time above written, for the purpose of determining who appeared to be elected to the office of Representative in the General Court from said District, and they did examine and compare the record of votes given in for said office at the election holden on the seventh day of November, A. D. 1899, in the several precincts of the city of Lowell, and in the several towns of which said District is comprised; and we further certify the following to be a true and complete schedule of all the persons voted for for Representatives in said District, and as shown by the said copies of record the number of votes for each person:

Butler Ames, of Lowell	1777
John H. Riordan, of Lowell	1633
Daniel W. Robbins, of Carlisle	1542
John T. Sparks, of Dracut	1791
M. J. Coughlin, of Billerica	1
Bill Hayes	1
Blanks	946
Whole number of votes	7691

GIRARD P. DADMAN, *City Clerk, Lowell.*
HERBERT A. KING, *Town Clerk, Billerica.*
SAMUEL SEWALL, *Town Clerk, Burlington.*
DANIEL W. ROBBINS, *Town Clerk, Carlisle.*
GAYTON M. HALL, *Town Clerk, Dracut.*
ARTHUR F. UPTON, *Town Clerk, North Reading.*
JOHN H. CHANDLER, *Town Clerk, Tewksbury.*
JAMES E. KELLEY, *Town Clerk, Wilmington.*

BIRTHS IN 1899.

No.	Date		Name of Child	Name of Parent
1.	Jan.	11.	Annie T. Hayes.....	.....Michael and Julia.
2.	"	20.	Harold Willard Simpson	.....James and Jennie.
3.	"	24.	Lester Maurice Simonds	.....Ned and Fanny.
4.	"	24.	Martha Bailey Delmage	.....James and Martha.
5.	"	26.	William Shelloo.....	.....Dennis and Martha
6.	Feb.	1.	Joseph Warren Ellis	.....Joseph and Lydia
7.	"	6.	Hulda Bertha Walker.....	.....Joseph and Jennie.
8.	"	11.	Arthur Orrin Dane	.....Alden and Lucy
9.	Mar	6.	Clarence McKinnon	.....John and Damie.
10.	"	7.	Charles O'Brine.....	.....John and Elizabeth.
11.	"	11.	Edward McSweeney	.....Eugene and Mary
12.	"	14.	Alfred Joseph Condon	.....Patrick and Ellen.
13.	"	22.	Alice Maud Moore	.....Charles and Stella.
14.	"	29.	Michael Joseph Collins	.....Michael and Mary
15.	Apr	3.	——— Sexton	.....John and Letitia
16.	"	20.	Bessie Althea Fowler	...Hiram and Martha
17.	May	25.	Mary M. Donnellan	.....Patrick and Mary
18.	June	7.	Charles H. Fairbrother	.....Charles and Ruth
19.	"	8.	Raymond Davidson	.....Arthur and Agnes.
20.	"	8.	Edith Crafts King	...Harry and Mabel
21.	"	25.	Louis Fitz	.....Charles and Fanny.
22.	July	27.	Mary Rebecca Farmer	.....John and Bertha.
23.	Aug	3.	Charles Vane Scott	.....Charles and Marion
24.	"	9.	Grace Pauline Smith	.....William and Christine
25.	Oct	1.	Joseph H. Mann	.....He rbert and Sadie.
26.	"	14.	——— Stott	.....John and Mary
27.	"	31.	Mildred Frances Desmoges	.....John and Sarah.
28.	Nov	1.	Ina Helen Foster	.....Walter and Annie.
29.	"	3.	Isaac Newell	..Isaac and Lucy

30. " 6. Robert Earl Spencer .....Oscar and Lizzie.
31. " 19. Elinor May Radcliffe ....John and Sarah.
32. " 21. Anne Butler ....William and Anne.
33. " 27. Bertha M. Hopkinson ....William and Elizabeth.
34. Dec 5. Ethel Maud Ash ....Harriet ———
35. " 9. Austin Carney ....Patrick and Kate
36. " 18. Chester H. Brigham ....James and Mattie
37. Sept 14. Frederick Thomas Callahan .....Thomas and Hannah.
38. Apr 26. Theresa Lyons ....Daniel and Maggie.
39. June 29. Annie Moran .... James and Esther.
40. July 12. Mary Newell ....Webster and Mary.
41. " 26. William Edward Gannon ... . William and Bridget.
42. Aug 4. May Hockaday ....Robert and Ada
43. Sept 5. Mary Latham ....James and Sarah.
44. " 10. Philip Franklin Dolan ....Philip and Ida.
45. " 12. Charles L. Mahoney ....Patrick and Kate
46. " 12. Alonzo Herbert Russell .....Herbert and Mary.
47. " 15. Morgan Magar ....Mosac and Alton.
48. Nov 20. Bertha Harper Dewhurst ....John and Nancy.
49. Sept 16. Dorothy Gibson Carley .....Edward and Bertha.
50. Aug 8. Pauline McLellan ....Tina McLellan

HERBERT A. KING,
Town Clerk.

DEATHS IN 1899.

No.	Date.		Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
1.	Jan.	6. Titus Lowe	73	—	—
2.	Feb	11. Arthur Conroy	32	—	—
3.	"	12. Peter B. Bohanan	86	10	12
4.	"	14. Arthur Orrin Dane	—	—	3
5.	"	16. Lucy Baldwin Dane	36	1	5
6.	Mar	6. Clara Holden	43	5	4
7.	"	17. Dowald Merton Kimball	21	1	1
8.	"	31. Wilhelm Frederick Gatter	81	—	—
9.	Apr	29. Sophia Newell	53	—	—
10.	May	22. Charles E. Andrews	56	1	—
11.	June	1. Hannah A. Kohlrausch	34	4	—
12.	"	8. Albert Barrington	30	6	26
13.	"	8. Charles H. Allen	56	—	—
14.	"	18. John F. Harrigan	52	—	—
15.	"	25. Thomas Edson Trefry	1	9	—
16.	July	5. John Lofthouse	24	—	—
17.	"	20. Emma Somers	36	—	—
18.	"	22. Jefferson A. Knowles	66	1	8
19.	"	27. Oliver M. Harding	71	—	—
20	Aug	2. Mary Louise Dickinson	73	8	—
21	"	13. Elizabeth Ready	28	—	—
22.	"	14. John Higson	30	8	24
23.	"	14. Charles Henry Parker	79	—	25
24.	"	18. C. Howard Fairbrother	—	2	—
25.	Sept	3. Mary Hayes	57	—	—
26.	"	9. W. Wayland Wilson	68	5	3
27.	"	11. Mary Elizabeth Munroe	60	6	—
28.	"	11. Maria Gridley Spaulding	81	8	24
29.	"	12. Rebecca Eaton	69	—	—

30.	"	25.	Margaret Blair Israel	71	4	28
31.	Oct.	4.	Rebecca Colburn	78	11	—
32	"	10.	Frances Bowman	78	11	—
33.	"	11.	Mary Josephene Powers	25	—	—
34.	"	14.	——— Stott	—	—	—
35.	"	26.	Jacob Murphy	47	8	—
36.	Nov	4.	Frank Larkin	62	—	—
37.	"	4.	Edith L. Dickinson	36	3	16
38.	"	9.	Thomas Keating	57	—	—
39.	"	16.	Stephen Lynde	74	—	—
40.	Dec	3.	Robert Ritchie	66	6	—
41.	Apr	4.	——— Sexton	—	—	1

BURIALS IN BILLERICA OF PERSONS DYING ELSEWHERE.

Date	Name.	Place of Death	Age Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
May 10, '99.	John E. Huntley,	Lowell	—	8	4
May 16, '99.	Sarah F. Hill,	Lowell	57	1	8
June 13, '99.	David Moore,	Lowell	—	—	—
Nov. 4, '99.	James Fletcher,	Haverhill	91	7	—
Dec. 11, '99.	Ona Mabel Mason,	Boston	26	10	—
Dec. 18, '99.	Rebecca B. Wild,	Lowell	65	5	12

HERBERT A. KING,

Town Clerk.

Marriages in Billerica During 1899.

Date	Names	Residence.
Mar. 27, '99.	Howard H. Harlow	Lowell, Mass.
	May T. Meehan	Billerica, Mass.
Apr. 6, '99.	Amon H. Dane	Billerica Mass.
	Annie Eva Bruce	Billerica, Mass.
Apr. 11, '99.	David R. Bigelow	Billerica, Mass.
	Mary P. Buckley	Billerica, Mass.
Jan. 17, '99.	Walter Everett Foster	Burlington, Mass.
	Annie McRae	Burlington, Mass.
Apr. 12, '99.	Arthur W. Davidson	Abington, Mass.
	Agnes Flynn	Billerica, Mass.
Apr. 24, '99.	George Ennion	Billerica, Mass.
	Mary Conden	Billerica, Mass.
May 6, '99.	Tupper Ingals	Billerica, Mass.
	Mary McPhail	Billerica, Mass.
May 8, '99.	James O'Neil	Billerica, Mass.
	Margaret Crowley	Billerica, Mass.
June 5, '99.	Timothy J. Harrington	Billerica, Mass.
	Frances Margaret Meaney	Billerica, Mass.
June 12, '99.	John Latham, Jr.,	Billerica, Mass.
	Nancy Walker	Billerica, Mass.
June 20, '99.	John T. Fairbrother	Billerica, Mass.
	Lucy A. Morris	Billerica, Mass.
Aug. 7, '99.	Joseph Buckley,	Billerica, Mass.
	Harriet Ormrod	Billerica, Mass.
Aug. 14, '99.	Martin Conway	Billerica, Mass.
	Frances E. Whelan	Lowell, Mass.
Aug. 15, '99.	James M. Finnegan	Billerica, Mass.
	Delia T. O'Connell	Lowell, Mass.
Aug. 29, '99.	Thomas Burton Umpleby	Billerica, Mass.
	Sarah G. Akeroyd	Pittsfield, Mass.
Sept. 6, '99.	William H. Sprowl	Billerica, Mass.
	Maggie Nelson	Lowell, Mass.

Sept. 20, '99.	Harry Ormrod,	Billerica, Mass.
	Mary Ellen Stott	Billerica, Mass.
Oct. 2, '99.	John Joseph Morrisey,	Newton, Mass.
	Louise Jane Lane	Billerica, Mass.
Oct. 11, '99.	Henry A. Stockam	Lowell, Mass.
	Margaret Heaney	Chelmsford, Mass.
Ost. 11, '99.	Thomas J. Sullivan	Tewksbury, Mass.
	Catherine Maloney	Billerica, Mass.
Nov. 16, '99.	Ernest N. Bartlett	Billerica, Mass.
	Hattie E. Bigelow	Billerica, Mass.
July 13, '99.	Walter H. Radcliffe	Billerica, Mass.
	Mary A. Rigg	Billerica, Mass.
Sept 6, '99.	George C. Shepherd	Billerica, Mass.
	Mary A. Murphy	Billerica, Mass.
Nov. 26, '99.	Charles E. Harmon	Billerica, Mass.
	Ida B. Lefoe	Billerica, Mass.
Dec. 16, '99.	William Mills	Billerica, Mass.
	Hannah Woolfenden	Billerica, Mass.
Dec. 27, '99.	Joseph F. Molony	Lowell, Mass.
	Eliza G. Callahan	Billerica, Mass.
Nov. 15, '99.	Patrick Murrungher	Billerica, Mass.
	Kate Walsh	Billerica, Mass.

HERBERT A. KING,

Town Clerk.

List of Persons having Dogs Licensed During the Year 1899.

No.	Names.
1.	John J. Higgins,
2.	Arthur Switzer,
3.	A. Richardson,
4.	Bertha and John Sutcliffe,
5.	Josiah Wright,
6.	E. J. Sanborn,
7.	F. A. Casey,
8.	Norman McMillan,
9.	John E. Bull,
10.	Charles Sprowl,
11.	Fred C. Smith,
12.	Mrs. Rosa Gatter,
13.	Isaac Hopkinson,
14.	Timothy Pasho,
15.	John Hawkyard,
16.	T. G. Messer,
17.	C. H. Kohlrausch,
18.	Fuller Twins,
19.	Carrie D. Shedd,
20.	D. R. Bigelow
21.	James T. Haslan,
22.	Jonathan Williams,
23.	George E. Simonds,
24.	George E. Simonds,
25.	H. W. Sheldon,
26.	M. H. Kohlrausch,
28.	P. D. Smith,
29.	John H. Foster,
30.	Patrick Konnelley,
31.	Alfred Bowman,
32.	C. W. Flanders, Jr.,
33.	C. W. Flanders, Jr.,
34.	Oscar Bicknell,
35.	Oscar Bicknell,
36.	Orrin Maybury,
37.	H. B. Richardson,
38.	Mrs. Sarah Woods,
39.	N. P. Jones,
40.	A. D. Stanton,
41.	N. P. Jones,
42.	N. P. Jones,
43.	Charles Wright,
44.	Thomas Fayton,
45.	Charles Wright,
46.	W. F. Symmes,
47.	Charles H. Shed,
48.	James Barrington,
49.	Daniel Holt,
50.	John Buckley,
51.	John A. Hannon,
52.	John A. Hannon,
53.	Orra A. Fletcher,
54.	S. Beard,
55.	S. A. Ranlett,
56.	Amy Putney,
57.	Thomas Talbot,
58.	Thomas Talbot,
59.	Thomas Talbot,

No.	Names.
60.	Leroy Talbot,
61.	Wm. Casey,
62.	Robert Stott,
63.	Daniel Norcross,
64.	M. C. Mitchell,
65.	George Lord,
66.	J. B. Holden, Jr.,
67.	J. B. Holden, Jr.,
68.	J. J. Hayes,
69.	Lewis Crosby,
70.	Jasen Hutchins,
71.	V. Rollins,
72.	Fred Gleason,
73.	John Shepherd,
74.	B. Dugan,
75.	Geo. F. Colson,
76.	H. Willard,
77.	Geo. P. Greenwood,
78.	Hannah Collins,
79.	Hannah Collins,
80.	Hugh Sherry,
81.	Estate of E. J. Hill,
82.	Roger Barrington,
83.	Chas. E. Scott,
84.	Arthur Dodge,
85.	John H. O'Brien,
86.	M. V. Dickey,
87.	John G. Bailey,
88.	John G. Bailey,
89.	P. J. Bailey,
90.	P. J. Bailey,
91.	Wm. F. Nuttall,
92.	D. W. Costello,
93.	H. W. Essex,
94.	T. M. Harrigan,
95.	M. D. Ruth,

No.	Names.
96.	Sarah Hannon,
97.	Mrs. S. Dutton,
98.	Watson A. Holt,
99.	James Ellis,
100.	Arthur Ellis,
101.	James Bradley,
102.	Charles Lyons,
103.	H. A. Dutton,
104.	Warren H. Carter
105.	John McDermott,
106.	Thomes Lyons,
107.	Everett Hawes,
108.	Mrs. Jane Perry,
109.	J. W. Dane,
110.	John W. Morrill,
111.	L. W. Faulkner,
112.	William J. Stewart,
113.	Fred H. Munroe,
114.	William Lyons,
115.	John J. Hayes,
116.	M. J. McElligot,
117.	Richard J. Conway,
118.	Albert Lakeman,
119.	Fred Pasho,
120.	William McBride,
121.	William H. Gannon,
122.	Joseph Heap,
123.	John F. Riley,
124.	Fred Wain,
125.	George Fairbrother,
126.	Mrs. Benj. Walker,
127.	Allen Bottomley,
128.	Mrs. M. Hayes,
129.	John P. Gregware,
130.	Saville D. Metcalf,
131.	L. J. Babcock,

No.	Names.
132.	W. H. Smith,
133.	Warren Shedd,
134.	Warren Shedd,
135.	Warren Shedd,
136.	John Sullivan,
137.	A. D. Boynton,
138.	A. D. Boynton,
139.	Geo. R. Herrick,
140.	J. B. Robinson,
141.	R. B. Holden,
142.	R. B. Holden,
143.	R. B. Holden,
144.	R. B. Holden,
145.	Geo. Moore,
146.	Burton C. Pasho,
147.	Benj. Wanson,
148.	T. G. Cox,
149.	F. H. Parker,
150.	F. H. Parker,
151.	D. W. Fitch,
152.	W. C. Philips,

No.	Names.
153.	J. F. Foss,
154.	H. D. Livingston,
156.	Chas. L. Beck,
156.	Chas. L. Beck,
157.	Wm. H. Hutchins,
158.	John E. Bottomley,
159.	Owen Munningham,
160.	Geo. H. Conley,
161.	John Harrington,
162.	Mrs. Geo. Nichols,
163.	Edw. O'Toole,
165.	R. Fauldo,
164.	B. Kearney,
166.	Patrick Mahoney,
167.	F. Faulcon,
168.	Joseph Brennell,
169.	John Lane,
170.	Charles Nugent,
171.	Ernest Stott,
172.	A. Stearns,
173.	Joseph Lofthouse,

HERBERT A. KING.
Town Clerk.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

There have been seven inmates at the almshouse the last year.

Number of tramps lodged and fed at the almshouse the last year was 290.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

To appraisal of personal property February 10, 1899	$3,933 48	
Paid by Superintendent to Treasurer	1,932 68	
		$5,866 16
To appraisal of personal property February 16, 1900	$3,858 85	
Paid by Superintendent to Treasurer	1,753 54	
		$5,612 39
Balance against the almshouse		$253 77
Expenditures at the almshouse for the year	$2,730 31	
Receipts at the almshouse for the year	1,747 34	
		$982 97
Appropriation for the almshouse for the year		1,000 00
Amount not expended		$17 03

Sears J. Cook,
Edward B. Haskell,
John E. Rowell,

Overseers of the Poor.

EXPENSES AT TOWN FARM.

March, 1899.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife, superintendent and matron	$42 00
Hannah O. Leary, labor	11 08
John H. Phillips, labor	11 50
Fred H. Parker, groceries	10 94
John E. Bull, dry goods	9 75
W. S. Eaton, doctoring horse	3 00
W. E. Livingston, grain	51 82
Elmer E. Cole, grain	10 75
Boston & Maine R. R., old ties	7 00
W. E. Livingston, grain	24 39
F. A. Tuttle, groceries and meat	28 64
Sundry small bills	3 85
	214 72

April.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
Hannah O'Leary, labor	6 44
John H. Phillips, painting	18 75
Edward Kerbey, labor	14 50
T. M. Harrigan, labor	3 00
Frederick Perry, labor	18 00
Swinnington & Smith, repairs	2 50
F. H. Parker, groceries	7 61
W. E. Livingston, grain	10 94
Elmer E. Cole, grain	38 92
J. E. Griffin, repairing pump	4 00
W. H. Parker & Son, manure	35 00
G. M. Teel, fresh fish	5 25
T. J. Hildreth, one cow	37 50
Bartlett & Dow, hardware	7 84
Banner Market, butter	1 99
Dr. O. A. Flint, medical attendance	27 50
S. C. Shirley, medicines	4 52
A. Parsons, blacksmith	11 20
George Dunham, groceries	4 60

Paid E. Baker, meat	$5	43
J. G. Birtwell, meat	4	69
Sundry small bills	2	50
	325	18

MAY.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42	00
Fred Perry, labor	18	00
John H. Phillips, labor	18	75
Catherine Riley, labor	8	94
O. A. Flint, manure	4	00
Holden, 2 pigs	6	00
Elmer E. Cole, grain	35	84
Howe Brothers & Co., lumber	3	40
E. S. Sherman & Co., oats and peas	2	76
F. H. Parker, groceries	4	87
J. E. Bull, dry goods	4	61
Noyes & Son, potatoes	2	70
Mrs. George W. Cummings, employment office	1	00
F. W. Cheney & Co., hard ware and paint	19	41
E. Baker, meat	6	19
Geo. F. Offut & Co., oil cloth	12	00
A. Tuttle, apple trees	2	50
Sundry small bills	2	80
	195	77

JUNE.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42	00
Fred Perry, labor	18	00
Catherine Riley, labor	4	66
M. V. Dickey, labor	4	50
T. M. Harrigan, labor	4	00
Ober Robinson, labor	12	92
F. A. Morey, groceries	8	65
F. A. Tuttle, meat and groceries	62	20
F. H. Parker, meat and groceries	9	15
H. E. Noyes & Son, potatoes	1	70
S. K. Dexter, potatoes and lard	3	59

Paid E. E. Cole, grain	$42	48
Talbot Chemical Co., potash	2	15
E. Baker, meat	8	04
Jennie Perry, groceries	23	19
Sundry small bills	3	48
	250	71

JULY.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42	00
Frederick Perry, labor	18	00
Odber Robinson, labor	20	00
Edward Fasna, labor	10	00
Swinnington & Smith, repairing pump	2	10
A. Parsons, blacksmith	2	00
W. E. Livingston, grain	7	10
Charles C. Johnson, shoes	3	25
P. M. Jefferson, soap	19	73
E. Baker, meat	7	14
E. E. Cole, grain	22	70
H. E. Noyes & Son, potatoes	6	67
G. M. Teel, fresh fish	5	85
Sundry small bills	1	40
	167	94

AUGUST.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42	00
Fred Perry, labor	18	00
Odber Robinson, labor	20	00
Catherine Riley, labor	5	00
E. Baker, meat	4	72
A. O. Dane, crackers	10	75
J. G. Birtwell, meat	7	27
George L. Dunham, groceries	11	21
Wm. E. Livingston, grain	4	80
S. K. Dexter, butter	4	50
C. W. Parsons, blacksmith	11	60
Holden & Co , flour and lard	5	45
E. E. Cole, grain	22	98

Paid sundry small bills	$6 40
T. J. Sexton, blacksmith	4 43
	179 11

SEPTEMBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	42 00
Fred Perry, labor	18 00
Odber Robinson, labor	20 00
Catherine Riley, labor	5 00
Martin V. Dickey, labor	14 50
Joseph Scanlon, labor	8 63
Bartlett & Dow, hardware	17 89
H. H. Shedd, fertilizer	18 85
George L. Dunham, groceries	15 83
S. K. Dexter, butter and lard	4 55
F. A. Tuttle, meat and groceries	77 37
E. E. Cole, grain	29 47
Elmer E. Cole, coal	65 18
Mrs. E. N. Campbell, dry goods	1 75
Jennie Perry, groceries	11 33
F. A. Morey, groceries	12 28
E. Baker, meat	3 60
Sundry small bills	6 47
	372 70

OCTOBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
Fred Perry, labor	18 00
Davis & Sargent, boxes	3 00
T. M. Donovan, onions	3 00
Fred H. Parker, crackers	7 20
E. E. Cole, grain	35 32
F. A. Tuttle, apples	5 65
Holden & Co., sugar and flour	18 32
S. K. Dexter, butter	5 93
W. E. Livingston, rye	1 90
P. J. Sexton, blacksmith	4 55
John E. Bull, dry goods	5 65

Paid James McDermott, one cow	$40 00
J. C. Parker, for cooking utensils	4 99
G. M. Teel, fresh fish	4 41
E. Baker, meat	3 76
Sundry small bills	5 09
	208 77

NOVEMBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
Fred Perry, labor	18 00
Mary Riley, labor	9 00
S. K. Dexter, butter and lard	8 15
Elmer E. Cole, grain	60 78
Hanchet & McFadden, repairing stove	1 65
O. A. Flint, manure	4 00
F. H. Parker, groceries	5 38
H. E. Noyes & Son, potatoes and onions	4 30
James E. Gorman, shoes	2 00
M. Donovan, apples and onions	6 25
Holden & Co., flour	4 70
H. E. Noyes & Son, potatoes and apples	3 35
Dickerson & Morrisey, apples	5 25
F. H. Parker, crackers	5 99
Jennie Perry, groceries	6 63
John E. Bull, dry goods	6 00
George H. Holt, pump tubing	6 00
Wm. H. Hutchings, pasturing cattle	18 00
Sundry small bills	5 00
	222 43

DECEMBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
Fred Perry, labor	18 00
Mary Riley, labor	9 86
George L. Dunham, groceries	13 35
G. M. Teel, fish	3 13
E. Baker, meat	10 53
F. A. Morey, grain	41 53

Paid M. Dovovan & Co., apples and onions	$3 25
T. J. McDonald, cow feed	4 50
S. K. Dexter, lard	2 90
T. J. McCormick, meat	6 50
J. A. Metcalf, employment office	1 00
M. Donovan & Co., apples	6 00
Sundry small bills	3 98
	166 53

JANUARY, 1900.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
Fred Perry, labor	18 00
Delia Meeney, labor	12 00
John Phillips, labor	14 50
C. W. Parsons, blacksmith bill cutting ice	24 70
F. W. Cheney, hard ware	10 00
W. E. Livingston, grain	33 56
F. H. Parker, crackers	6 36
J. E. Gorman, rubber boots	2 75
E. E. Cole, flour and grain	8 80
John E. Bull, dry goods	6 81
P. J. Sexton, blacksmith	2 18
S. K. Dexter, butter	5 20
F. H. Parker, meat and groceries	8 97
Sundry small bills	3 95
	199 78

FEBRUARY.

Paid J. C. Parker	$42 00
Fred Perry, labor	18 00
John H. Phillips, labor	5 50
Delia Meeney, labor	12 00
E. Baker, meat	3 80
F. H. Parker, groceries	1 79
J. E. Bull, dry goods	3 34
E. E. Cole, grain	23 26
Jennie Perry, groceries	8 41
Geo. L. Dunham, groceries	11 03
Charles C. Johnson, repairing harness and shoes	5 20

Paid Wm. F. Symmes, sawing lumber	$23 14
W. E. Livingston, grain	16 45
Putnam & Son, clothing	5 78
Robert Barris, repairing harness	7 45
S. C. Shirley, medicines	2 50
S. K. Dexter, butter	5 00
Smith & Metcalf, employment office	1 00
P. J. Sexton, blacksmith	10 70
Holden & Co., flour and groceries	7 73
Baptist Society, pew rent	5 00
John E. Rowell, balance due on settlement	5 00
Sundry small bills	2 59
	226 67

SALES AT TOWN FARM.

March, 1899.

Received for milk	$70 12
eggs	25 46
apples and vegetables	10 34
wood	33 23
	139 15

April.

Received for milk	$78 68
1 cow	34 00
labor	1 60
2 calves	5 00
vegetables	8 40
eggs	3 68
	131 36

May.

Received for milk	$66 06
eggs	7 92
vegetables	24
	74 22

JUNE.

Received for milk	$75	72
one cow	33	50
eggs	31	35
vegetables	42	05
	182	62

JULY.

Received for milk	$58	11
vegetables	11	73
eggs	4	85
labor		75
	75	44

AUGUST.

Received for milk	$54	97
two calves	3	25
poultry	32	60
eggs	16	91
vegetables	67	38
	175	11

SEPTEMBER.

Received for milk	$56	85
eggs	16	52
vegetables	133	64
	207	01

OCTOBER.

Received for milk	$97	89
eggs	6	37
vegetables	40	67
	144	93

NOVEMBER.

Received for milk	$85	58
eggs	2	22
vegetables	53	13
	140	93

DECEMBER.

Received for milk	$78	44
vegetables	39	61
poultry	15	02
labor	5	00
eggs	2	46
of J. C. Ayer & Co., rent of land for sign board	5	00
	145	53

JANUARY, 1900.

Received for milk	$78	86
wood and lumber	46	37
poultry		88
vegetables	1	63
eggs	1	29
	129	03

FEBRUARY.

Received for milk	$98	00
eggs	4	38
cow hide	5	00
one calf	1	00
poultry	1	50
lot of stone	12	29
ice	3	50
old iron	3	68
lumber	28	01
cattle commissioners	20	00
E. W. Livingston, for board of Mrs. Murphy	24	65
	202	01

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.—February 16, 1900.

Fifteen cows	$600 00
Three heifers	50 00
Three horses	300 00
Twenty-one tons of hay	378 00
Oat straw	4 00
Thirty tons of ensilage	135 00
Grain	31 35
Harnesses	75 00
Manure	245 00
Four tons of coal	28 00
Wood	135 00
Two bushels of beans	5 00
Lumber	115 00
Ice	60 00
Blanket and robes	15 00
Ninety hens	67 50
One four-spring wagon	65 00
One one-horse market wagon	65 00
One one-horse farm wagon	55 00
Covered and Concord wagons	40 00
Three tip carts	130 00
Wheels and manure spreader	35 00
One pung	20 00
Two Sleds	35 00
One one-horse power	60 00
One corn planter and seed sower	20 00
One two-horse mowing machine	10 00
Two ensilage cutters and carriers	75 00
Hay tedder and horse rake	30 00
One hay fork and rope	30 00
One weeder	12 00
Farming tools	130 00
One derrick, blocks and rope	75 00

Ice tools	$ 8 00
Boxes, bags and barrels	4 00
One chest of tools	8 00
Paints and brushes	6 00
Drugs and medicines	6 00
Furniture in superintendent's rooms	100 00
Contents of attic	40 00
Contents of tramp house	10 00
Furniture in inmates rooms	135 00
Furniture in old men's rooms	40 00
Blankets and comforters	15 00
Sheets, table linen and towels	35 00
Kitchen furniture and cooking utensils	65 00
Earthern, glass and stone ware	25 00
Knives, forks and spoons	6 00
Milk dishes, pails and cooler	9 00
Hotbed sash and shutters	15 00
One tobacco cutter	1 00
Lanterns, lamps, cans and oils	8 00
Vinegar and casks	50 00
Pork and hams	50 00
Butter and lard	7 00
Vegetables	42 00
Soap	12 00
Preserves and pickles	14 00
Groceries	17 00
	$3,858 85

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

We have fully supported two, and aided fourty-six outside of the almshouse the last year.

Paid Worcester Insane Asylum board for Mary Morrissey		$169 46
aid rendered Mrs. W. Kiley and Mary Donovan		114 17
Edward Keyes and family		365 49
Mrs. Kate Jeffcocks and family		183 88
John Houlton		27 26
part funeral expenses for Arthur Conroy		20 00
aid rendered Lawrence Bohonnon		78 22
Philip J. Houlton		10 00
Mrs. Rachiel Conroy		38 99
John J. McPhee and family		9 50
Dr. S. R. Roher, medical attendance on town poor from April 1, 1899, to Sept. 1, 1899		37 50
aid rendered Mrs. Mary J. Doyle and family		51 28
Mrs. Mora Russell		72 13
Henry Hellsworth and family		14 25
and funeral expenses of Mrs. Rebecca Eaton		40 50
Mrs. Johannah Borts		11 49
Frank E. Fairbrother		161 11
		1,405 23
aid rendered Mrs. Horace Onley and family		6 75
		1,411 98
Cash received from state of Massachusetts	$11 49	
Cash received from the City of Lowell	40 50	
Cash received from Mr. George Fairbrother for board of Erank E. Fairbrother	161 11	
		213 10
		1,198 88
Appropriation		1,200 00
Balance unexpended		1 12

Sears J. Cook,
Edward B. Haskell,
John E. Rowell.
Overseers of the Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

Balance, cash on hand, March 1, 1899 ..... $18,012 32

Money received duing the year and credited as follows:

1898 Accounts.

Received from A. H. Jones, collector taxes 1895		7 46
A. H. Jones, collector taxes 1896		1,310 16
A. H. Jones, collector taxes 1897		1,278 81
A. H. Jones, collector taxes 1898		3,094 71

1899 Accounts.

Schools:

Received from Town of Bedford, tuition	20 00	
Commonwealth on account superintendent's salary	625 00	
Commonwealth, income Mass. School Fund	255 51	
County, for dog licenses	319 52	
		1,220 03

Highways:

Received from Treasurer Middlesex County for straightening and widening Pollard street	200 00	
McAdam appropriation for use of town teams on McAdam road	248 00	
Superintendent for materials sold	36 20	
		484 20

Town Farm:

Received from J. C. Parker, superintendent, for sales at farm during year		1,747 34

Incidentals:

Received from Police Court, Lowell, fines and forfeitures	244 64	
Lowell Jail fines and forfeitures	140 00	
E. W. Livingston, janitor, use of hall	46 50	
Lexington & Boston St. R. R., expenses of town meeting,	50 00	
Town of Carlisle, one-half expense of setting town bound	3 00	
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., empty barrels returned	1 35	
School appropriation for heating, janitor service, etc., at Union Hall, 1899	96 00	
Chas. A. Gleason, auctioneer's license	2 00	
Fred L. Gleason, auctioneer's license	2 00	
Geo. L. Dunham, use of hay scales at No. Billerica	25 82	
F. A. Morey, use of hay scales at Centre	25 20	
		636 51

Outside Relief:

Received from Geo. Fairbrother, for board of brother at hospital	161 11

Interest:

Received from Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, interest on deposit	63 19

Cattle Inspectors' salary:

Received from Commonwealth one-half amount of Cattle Inspectors' salary 1898	98 58

Cemeteries:

Received from Nathaniel Hill, for repairs of lot in So. cemetery	$50 00	
Chas. H. Hill, for repairs of lot in So. cemetery	25 00	
		$75 00

No. Billerica Sidewalk:

Received from Faulkner Mfg. Co., one-half cost of building sidewalk	258 18	
Talbot Mills, one-half cost of building sidewalk	75 78	
		333 96

State Aid:

Received from Commonwealth, for State aid paid by town in 1898	4 71

Corporation Tax:

Received from Commonwealth, for corporation and bank tax	8,437 94

Anticipation of Tax Notes:

Borrowed on town notes by authority of vote passed March 27, 1899	25,000 00

Street Railway Tax:

Received from Commonwealth, street railway tax, two years	1,834 65

Land Sold:

Received from H. E. Dutton as by vote March 27, 1899,	35 00

Land sold at Town Farm:

Received from M. Collins as by vote March 28, 1898	300 00
Received from Commonwealth for aid rendered State pauper	11 49
Received from city of Lowell for aid rendered Lowell's poor	40 50
Received from A. H. Jones, collector taxes for 1899	25,484 33

Water Works:		
Received from commissioners' construction account	$1,662 63	
from commissioners' maintenance account	4,440 89	
interest on Talbot Mills deposit	248 09	
interest on U. S. Trust Co. deposit	22 74	
		$6,374 35
Total receipts		$96,512 64

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Money paid out:

Paid approved bills during the year and charged to the following appropriations:

1898 Accounts.

Paid town note due April 6, 1899, borrowed in anticipation of taxes, 1898	$5,000 00
balance, cattle inspector's salary 1898	18 20
for copying records amount re-appropriated March 27, 1899	194 00
water works, balance of 1897 appropriation to be credited, construction, etc	159 18
for finishing Talbot avenue	767 17

1899 Accounts

Schools	10,245 80
McAdam road	1,077 35
Highways	4,028 19
Bridges	334 89
Fire Department	1,630 64
Town Farm	2,730 31

Incidentals	$1,206 12
Outside Relief	1,359 99
Town Debt	2,500 00
Interest	1,778 91
Insurance	191 20
Sinking Fund and Bond Interest, Town Hall Bonds	2,000 00
State and County Tax	3,337 12
Soldier's Relief	19 00
Board of Health	37 00
Cemeteries	275 71
Common	60 00
Sidewalks	84 81
Hydrants	2,300 00
Town Water for Buildings	77 44
Painting Town Farm Buildings	152 45
Veteran's Memorial Day	100 00
Street Lighting	700 00
Herbert W. Sheldon for flag pole	150 00
North Billerica sidewalk	667 93
State Aid	593 00
Town Notes, anticipation of taxes 1899	22,000 00
Street Railway Tax, highway expenses for Feb., 1900	341 88
Tax Discounts, 1899	166 04
Paid for relief of poor and charged to the Commonwealth of Mass	11 49
for relief of poor and charged to the City of Lowell	40 50
Salaries of Selectmen	375 00
Assessors	250 00
Overseers of the Poor	200 00
School Committee	180 00
Town Clerk	150 00
Town Treasurer	250 00
Tax Collector 1898 on account	250 00
Auditors	45 00
Registrars of Voters	100 00
Election Officers	96 00
Cattle Inspectors	404 35
Fish Warden	100 00
Janitor, Constable and Police	1,460 00

Water Works:			
Paid approved bills for construction		$17,391 66	
approved bills for maintenance	1,504 69		
water board interest	3,600 00		
		5,104 69	
			$22,496 35
Total expenditures			92,603 02
Balance on hand to credit of Water Works Construction account		684 71	
General account		3,224 91	
			3,909 62
			96,512 64

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REPORTS OF TRUST FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER, FEB. 28, 1900.

Bowers Fund and Joseph Stearns Fund, for care of poor in Billerica:		
Amount of Fund Feb. 28, 1899	15,397 83	
Received income during year	729 03	
	16,126 86	
Paid during year on order of committee	763 27	
Amount of Fund Feb. 28, 1900		$15,363 59
Thompson Fund, care of Fox Hill Cemetery, 1,000:		
Amount of Fund Feb. 28, 1899	1,062 21	
Received income during year	34 80	
	1,097 01	
Paid during year	80 96	
Amount of Fund Feb. 28, 1900		1,016 05
Betsey Cowdry Fund, care of lot in No. cemetery, $50:		
Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899	50 00	
Received income during year (for two years)	4 00	
	54 00	
Paid	3 00	
Amount of Fund Feb. 28, 1900		51 00
Abbott Singing School Fund, $1,400:		
Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899	1,475 43	
Received income	74 23	
Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1900		1,549 66

Winthrop Faulkner Fund, for Library, $1,000:

Received no income and expended nothing.

Gray Cemetery Fund, for Fox Hill, $500:

Amonnt of Fund Feb. 28, 1899	$570 99	
Received income	22 80	
Amount Feb. 28, 1900		$593 79

Shed Fund, for care of Manning lot, No. cemetery, $100:

Amount of Fund Feb. 28, 1899	114 84	
Received income	4 62	
	119 46	
Paid	3 00	
Amount Feb. 28, 1900		116 46

Sarah E. Frost Fund, for care of Frost lot in Fox Hill, $100:

Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899	108 79	
Received income	3 98	
	112 77	
Paid	5 10	
Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1900		107 67

Calvin Rogers Fund, care of North Cemetery, $300:

Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899	495 44	
Received income	17 10	
	512 54	
Paid	81 80	
Amount Feb. 28, 1900		430 74

Sweetser Fund, care of Richardson lot, So. Cemetery, $1,000:		
Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899	$1,186 62	
Received income	47 65	
	1,234 27	
Paid	35 00	
Amount Feb 28, 1900		$1,199 27
Samuel Foster Fund, care of lot in So. Cemetery, $100:		
Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899	124 04	
Received income	4 94	
	128 98	
Paid	4 00	
Amount Feb. 28, 1900		124 98
A. W. Patten Fund, care of lot in Fox Hill, $300:		
Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899	312 12	
Received income	12 60	
	324 72	
Paid	6 12	
Amount Feb. 28, 1900		318 60
Josiah Rogers Fund, care of lot in No. Cemetery, $200:		
Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899	202 00	
Received income	8 16	
	210 16	
Paid	8 00	
Amount Feb. 28, 1900		202 16

Isaac Knapton Fund, care of lot in No. Cemetery, $100:		
Amount of Fund, Feb. 28, 1899	$100 00	
Received income	4 04	
	104 04	
Paid	4 00	
Amount Feb. 28, 1900		$100 04
Bryant Fund, June 13, 1899, Mrs. Mary F. Bryant gave to the town $150, the income to be expended in care of the Bryant lot in No. Cemetery.		
Amount of Fund	150 00	
Received income	3 00	
Amount Feb. 28, 1900		153 00
Jaquith Fund, Feb. 28, 1900, Franklin Jaquith gave the town $100, the income to be expended to care for the Franklin and Lucy Jaquith lot in the So. Cemetery.		
Amount of Fund		100 00
Total Trust Funds		21,427 01

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Financial Statement Year Ending Feb. 28, 1900.

Balance cash on hand		$3,224 91
due from Tax Collector, 1896		64 24
Tax Collector, 1897		486 95
Tax Collector, 1898		4,217 76
Tax Collector, 1899		6,843 82
Total assets		14,837 68
Less town note, due April 10, 1900, borrowed in anticipation of 1899 taxes	$3,000	
Less balance unexpended of Street Railway tax	1,492 77	
Less amount received for sale of land from town farm, 1898 $700 00		
Less amount received for sale of land from town farm, 1899 300 00		
Less amount received for sale of land to H. E. Dutton 35 00		
	1,035 00	
Less amount due Tax Collector's salary, 1896	100 00	
Less amount due Tax Collector's salary, 1897	100 00	
Less amount due Tax Collector's salary, 1898	100 00	
Less amount due Tax Collector's salary, 1899	100 00	
Less amount due Cattle Inspector's salary for March, 1899	35 00	
Total liabilities		5,962 77
Surplus		8,874 91

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Financial Condition of the Town, Feb. 28, 1900.

TOWN NOTES.

Payee.	Date.	Due.	Rate.	Amount.
Trustees Howe School	June 3, 1852	1 year.	6 per ct.	$1,000 00
Bowers Fund.....	Dec. 1, 1871.	Demand.	5 " "	5,960 00
" "	June 18, 1878.	"	5 " "	400 00
" "	May 15, 1874.	"	5 " "	800 00
Trustees Howe School	July 12, 1878.	"	6 " "	1,000 00
" " "	Aug. 13, 1878.	"	6 " "	1,000 00
" " "	Sept. 11, 1879.	"	6 " "	1,500 00
" " "	Mar. 20, 1880.	"	6 " "	1,400 00
" " "	Aug. 4, 1880.	"	6 " "	500 00
*Bowers Fund.....	Nov. 3, 1885.	"	5 " "	2,000 00
†Trustees Howe School	Dec. 19, 1895.	1900	5 " "	1,000 00
‡Payable to bearer	Feb. 1, 1896.	1901	4 " "	1,000 00
§ " " "	Nov. 1, 1897.	1900	4 " "	3,000 00
‖ " " "	Dec. 1, 1897.	1900	4 " "	500 00
‖ " " "	Dec. 1, 1897.	1901	4 " "	500 00
¶ " " "	May 1, 1898.	1901	4½ " "	650 00
¶ " " "	May 1, 1898.	1902	4½ " "	650 00
¶ " " "	May 1, 1898.	1903	4½ " "	650 00
¶ " " "	May 1, 1898.	1904	4½ " "	650 00

Floating debt Feb. 28, 1900		$24,160 00
Less surplus		8,874 91
		$15,285 09
Bonded debt, Town Hall	$30,000 00	
Less Sinking Fund	4,428 65	
		$25,571 35
Bonded debt, Water Works	$90,000 00	
Less Sinking Fund	2,934 92	
		$87,065 08
Total indebtedness of Town Feb. 28, 1900		$127,921 52

OBJECT OF LOANS. *Talbot School. †Furnishing Town Hall. ‡1894 Deficiency. §Extend Billerica Avenue. ‖Stone Crusher. ¶Build Talbot Avenue.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOSIAH WRIGHT,
Selectmen.

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation	$9,000 00	
State Fund	255 51	
State Fund, on account of superintendent	625 00	
Conveying scholars	420 00	
Receipts	20 00	
Dog Tax	319 52	
Library Books	100 00	
		$10,740 03
Expenditures		10,245 80
Balance unexpended		494 23

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation	3,500 00	
Receipts	826 08	
		4,326 08
Expenditures		4,370 07
Amount overdrawn		43 99

MCADAM ROAD.

Appropriation	800 00
Expenditures	1,077 35
Amount overdrawn	277 35

BRIDGES.

Appropriation	250 00
Expenditures	334 89
Amount overdrawn	84 89

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	$1,500 00
Expenditures	1,630 64
Amount overdrawn	130 64

TOWN FARM.

Appropriation	1,000 00
Excess of Expenditures over receipts	982 97
Balance unexpended	17 03

SOLDIER'S RELIEF.

Appropriation	100 00
Expenditures	19 00
Balance unexpended	81 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Appropriation	3,500 00
Expenditures	3,337 12
Balance unexpended	162 88

SELECTMEN.

Appropriation	375 00
Expenditures	375 00

ASSESSORS.

Appropriation	250 00
Expenditures	250 00

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Appropriation	200 00
Expenditures	200 00

School Committee.

Appropriation		$180 00
Expenditures		180 00

Town Clerk.

Appropriation		150 00
Expenditures		150 00

Town Treasurer.

Appropriation		250 00
Expenditures		250 00

Tax Collector.

Appropriation		350 00
Expenditures		250 00
Balance unexpended		100 00

Fish Warden.

Appropriation		100 00
Expenditures		100 00

Incidentals.

Appropriation	1,300 00	
Receipts	636 51	
		1,936 51
Expenditures		1,206 12
Balance unexpended		730 39

Janitor and Police.

Appropriation		1,500 00
Expenditures		1,460 00
Balance unexpended		40 00

Outside Relief.

Appropriation	$1,200 00	
Receipts	213 10	
		$1,413 10
Expenditures		1,411 98
Balance unexpended		1 12

Debt Appropriation.

Appropriation	2,500 00
Expenditures	2,500 00

Interest.

Appropriation	1,700 00	
Receipts	63 19	
		1,763 19
Expenditures		1,778 91
Amount overdrawn		15 72

Insurance.

Appropriation	150 00
Expenditures	191 20
Amount overdrawn	41 20

Sinking Fund and Bond Interest.

Appropriation	2,000 00
Expenditures	2,000 00

Registrars.

Appropriation	100 00
Expenditures	100 00

Election Officers.

Appropriation	100 00
Expenditures	96 00
Balance unexpended	4 00

CATTLE INSPECTOR.

Appropriation		$500 00
Expenditures		404 35
Balance unexpended		95 65

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation	$250 00	
Receipts	75 00	
		325 00
Expenditures		275 71
Balance unexpended		49 29

COMMONS.

Appropriation	75 00
Expenditures	60 00
Balance unexpended	15 00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation	50 00
Expenditures	37 00
Balance unexpended	13 00

AUDITORS.

Appropriation	45 00
Expenditures	45 00

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	100 00
Expenditures	84 81
Balance unexpended	15 19

HYDRANTS.

Appropriation		$2,300 00
Expenditures		2,300 00

STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation		700 00
Expenditures		700 00

TOWN WATER.

Appropriation		50 00
Expenditures		77 44
Amount overdrawn		27 44

WATER DEFICIT.

Appropriation		1,000 00	
Receipts		4,440 89	
			5,440 89
Expenditures:	Maintenance	1,504 69	
	Bond Interest	3,600 00	
			5,104 69
Balance unexpended			336 20

PAINTING AND REPAIRING (TOWN FARM).

Appropriation		150 00
Expenditures		152 45
Amount overdrawn		2 45

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation		100 00
Expenditures		100 00

FLAG POLE, NORTH BILLERICA.

Appropriation		150 00
Expenditures		150 00

SIDEWALKS, NORTH BILLERICA.

Appropriation	400 00	
Receipts	333 96	
		733 96
Expenditures		667 93
Balance unexpended		66 03

COPYING RECORDS.

Appropriation	194 00
Expenditures	194 00

STREET SPRINKLER.

Appropriation	350 00

We, the undersigned, auditors for the Town of Billerica, hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the several Town officers and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. B. COLBY,
R. T. PERRY,
GEO. P. GREENWOOD,
Auditors.

Billerica Town Hall Sinking Fund Commissioners' Report.

The amount of the sinking fund to date, with accumulated interest, is $4,428.65, and is on deposit with the following savings banks in the City of Lowell: The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, City Institution for Savings, The Traders National Savings Bank, The Lowell Institution for Savings, and the Merrimack River Bank.

FRANKLIN JAQUITH,
FREDERIC A. MOREY,
JOSEPH T. TALBOT,
Sinking Fund Commissioners.

Billerica, Mass., March 1, 1900.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

For the Year Ending February 28, 1900.

The Assessors of the town of Billerica submit the following report. We find, in making our appraisal for the year 1899, an increase on real estate, $36,922; and a decrease on personal estate, $1,857.

Value of real estate May 1, 1899	$1,553,757 00
Value of personal estate, May 1, 1899	323,222 00
Total valuation	1,876,979 00
Rate of total tax per $1,000	16 50

Number of polls	679
dwelling houses	578
horses	459
cows	796
neat cattle other than cows	108
swine	83
sheep	29
fowls	4,220

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH WRIGHT,
GEO. E. SIMONDS,
WM. H. HUTCHINS.

Report of Cemetery Commission.

The work done by the Cemetery Commission thus far has been largely of a preliminary character—studying the needs and estimating the possibilities of systematic improvement within reasonable cost. Our first work was to search the town records for any and all action taken by the town covering the purchase and management of Cemeteries, and a copy has been made in book form af all such records.

We have also made a record of the terms and conditions of all bequests, whether for general or specific purposes, which bequests, as is well known, are held by the Town Treasurer. The terms and conditions of such bequests are so differently worded by different people, with the same laudable purpose in view, as to induce your committee to advise a simple and safe form, which we hope will be adopted by those who intend leaving funds for the care of special lots; and it is hoped that the expenditure of the income of any funds that may be left for general cemetery purposes may be controlled, as suggested by this form, which form will be found on page 9 of the pamphlet entitled "Cemeteries." This pamphlet has been thoroughly distributed, but additional copies are in the hands of the Town Clerk, and may be had upon application.

The necessity for a well defined plan is apparent; each lot to be taken should be treated in such a way as to be in harmony with the whole, when all lots shall have been improved. To this end accurate topographical plans are needed, applying especially to the new portion of the Fox Hill and North grounds. Such a plan is already nearly completed of the latter grounds, and in the spring we hope to have such work done at the Fox Hill. This requires a considerable expenditure of money, and should be immediately

followed by the completion of the driveways, as furnishing the best guide to levels to be followed in future work.

The South Cemetery contains but few unoccupied lots, but an exceedingly low wet spot at the south-westerly corner has been filled this past season at an expenditure of about $100. Three lots have already been taken here at $25 each. It is the hope of the commission to gradually put the surface of the irregularly and densely occupied old portion of these grounds in such shape that it may be gone over easily with a lawn mower. Our idea of what this may be made will be better appreciated by inspecting a part of the North Cemetery at the right of the first gate, which has been put in its present condition from the income of the "Rogers Fund" and at the request of the committee having those funds in charge. We are glad to say right here, that the creation of a new interest in our cemeteries and the increasing good we feel sure will follow is due more largely than to any other cause to the faithful, intelligent and earnest efforts of Miss Harriet B. Rogers.

That lots in any cemetery should have been occupied without a reasonable payment therefor, and that improvements should have been made with no definite direction or well defined plan in view, is simply a neglect, for which no *one*, but all, are responsible; no one will or ever would have, or has a right to, object to paying a small amount. With a plan insuring harmonious completion, desirable lots may be readily sold at such prices as will largely help to or fully pay for the general care of the grounds. Three double lots have already been taken at the North grounds, for which $25 each will be paid as soon as the deeds are delivered.

From our appropriation of $250 last year you will notice an unexpended balance. The engineering work already referred to is yet to be paid for, which will more than exhaust this balance. We ask you this year for an appropriation of $400, which, with income from sale of lots, we hope will complete the engineering work, shape the driveways and do a good portion of the work needed in the South Cemetery.

The work already done by your commission is, to them, the best possible argument that *a* Cemetery Commission is needed; it presents to us a realization of the fact that much may be done, and much should be done. We feel that it will be difficult perhaps to impress upon all, the necessity, as we see it, as the work done thus far is such as to make but little showing. We hope, however, with the small increase asked for to make a more apparent demonstration of our purpose. We hope also, and believe that the work that is now being done and planned will increase the public interest and individual endeavor to make our burial grounds far more sightly. Many of the relations and friends which make life bright at twenty-five have dropped from sight at forty-five, and at sixty-five the great majority of them are with us only in memory, which memory is refreshed and quickened by a walk through our burial grounds; it is due to them, and we owe it to ourselves, that these grounds should be put and kept in good order.

J. NELSON PARKER, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH JAQUITH,
HERBERT A. KING, *Clerk*.

Report of the Collector of Taxes

For the Year Ending February 28, 1900.

1895.

Balance due from last year	$7 46
Paid Treasurer	7 46

1896.

Paid Treasurer	$1,310 16
Balance due	64 24

1897.

Paid Treasurer	$1,278 81
Balance due	486 95

1898.

Paid Treasurer	$3,094 71
Balance due	4,217 78

1899.

Total tax committed to me for collection	$32,328 15
Paid Treasurer	25,484 33
Balance	6,843 82

A. H. JONES,

Collector.

LOCATION OF GUIDE BOARDS.

Board at corner of Russell and Mount Pleasant streets, No. Billerica.

Board at corner of Tewksbury and Russell streets, No. Billerica.

Board at junction of Tewksbury and East Billerica road.

Board at junction of road in woods leading from East Billerica to Tewksbury.

Board at East Billerica, leading to Pattenville.

Board at Deacon King's, leading to Andover, and another board leading to Lowell.

Board at Mrs. Page's, leading to Wilmington, and one at Mr. Hopkinson's, leading to Wilmington and Silver Lake.

Board at junction of Salem and Andover streets, leading to Salem and Centre of Billerica; one at junction of Salem and Whipple streets, leading to Salem and Wilmington.

Board at corner of Andover and Whipple streets, leading to East Billerica station and Centre.

Board opposite Fox Hill Cemetery, leading to Centre, Wilmington and Woburn.

Board at Mr. Hall's, leading to Tewksbury, Andover and East Billerica.

Board at foot of hill near Cemetery Junction, leading to East Billerica, Tewksbury and Wilmington; one opposite Mr. E. Baker's, leading to Tewksbury and Wilmington.

Board at watering trough in Centre, leading to Boston, Lowell and all adjoining towns.

Board near John Kittredge's, leading to Salem and Wilmington.

Board opposite Mrs. J. Knowles', leading to Bedford, to Lexington and Arlington.

Board near D. L. Mason's, leading to Boston and Woburn; also one leading to Tewksbury almshouse.

Board near Shawsheen River, leading to Lowell and Tewksbury.

Board south of river, leading to Wilmington and Woburn.

Board at Dodge corner, leading to Lowell.

Board at Hill's Cemetery, leading to Bedford, Carlisle and Chelmsford.

Board at C. H. Hill's corner, leading to Bedford; also one at South Billerica depot, leading to Bedford and Billerica.

Board at Cook place, leading to Tewksbury and Wilmington.

Board corner Main and Lowell streets, leading to North Billerica, Lowell and Centre.

Board at J. Conlon's, leading to Chelmsford.

Board at Cowdrey place, leading to Lowell, Chelmsford and Carlisle.

Board at Manning place, leading to West Billerica and Chelmsford.

Board near Woods' corner, leading to Boston, Concord and Lowell; one near Bailey place, leading to Billerica Centre and Lowell; one on Carlisle road, leading to Concord and Lowell.

Board corner Bridge, leading to West Billerica.

Board at Brown's corner, leading to Lowell and Boston.

Board at Preston's corner, one leading to Lowell.

Board corner Main and River streets, leading to Chelmsford, Carlisle and Concord.

WATER WORKS SINKING FUND.

Balance March 1, 1899	$2,793 42
Sept. 1, 1899, interest to date	69 83
March 1, 1900 " " "	71 58
Balance on hand March 1, 1900	$2,934 83

Above is deposited with Talbot Mills at 5% per annum.

FREDERIC S. CLARK,
J. NELSON PARKER,
CHARLES H. KOHLRAUSCH, JR.,

Water Commissioners.

Appraisal of Town Property at Town Barn.

Five horses	$600 00
Three carts	150 00
Stone crushing plant	2,400 00
Five harnesses	50 00
Three sleds	40 00
Road scraper	150 00
Four horse blankets	4 00
Halters and surcingles	2 50
Combs and brushes	75
Grain chest	5 00
Hay and grain	25 00
Scythes and snaths	4 00
Tackles, fall and stone forks	12 00
Derrick and lumber	23 00
Stone and drag	2 00
Jack and wrenches	2 00
Ploughs and stone screen and tools	37 00
Bars, picks and grubs	8 00
Fly nets and chains	4 00
Shovels, rakes, axes and forks	10 00
Eveners	1 50
Derrick	15 00
Whiffletrees, bells, feed baskets	5 00
Pails, brooms, and axle grease	1 00
Grindstone and lantern	6 00
	$3,557 75

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Your Board of Engineers would recommend that the members of the Fire Department be paid a stated salary instead of being paid partially by the hour.

FIRES DURING THE YEAR.

April 19, 1899. Fire Judkin Hill woods. Alarm 3 P. M. Damage $5.00.

May 12, 1899. Fire John H. Foster woods. Loss $50.00.

July 5, 1899. Fire in Henry Hill's house. Still alarm. Loss $100.00.

July 16, 1899. Frank Crosby's woods. Still alarm. Loss $50.00.

Dec. 29, 1899. A. Rosenthal's house. Still Alarm. Loss $25.00.

Jan. 31, 1900. Frank Jaquith's house. Still alarm. Loss $30.00.

E. W. LIVINGSTON,
LAWRENCE W. BUCKLEY,
CHARLES A. WRIGHT,

Board of Engineers.

POLICE REPORT.

There have been 27 arrests, for the following causes:

Assault	3
Bastardy	1
Drunkenness	8
Larceny	3
Vagrant	7
Violation of liquor law	5

Disposal of Cases.

Committed to house of correction	3
Committed to State farm	4
Discharged at court	4
Held for the grand jury	3
Paid fines	11

Miscellaneous.

Burglaries reported	5
Cases investigated	57
Intoxicating persons cared for	8
Persons locked up	9
Suspicious persons detained	5
Number of dogs killed	24
Value of property reported stolen	$63 10
Value of property recovered	90 00
The Town received from police court for fines	384 64

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
MARTIN CONWAY,

Police Officers.

February 28, 1900.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

For the Year Ending Feb. 28, 1900.

PRECINCT 1.

Number of visits to school	4
Number of cases investigated	7
Number of cases reported	6

E. W. LIVINGSTON,
Truant Officer.

PRECINCT 2.

To the School Committee:

I would submit the following report for the year ending February 28.

Number of visits to schools	24
Number of cases investigated	47
Number of cases reported to me	19
Truants taken to school	6

Yours respectfully,

MARTIN CONWAY, Jr.,
Truant Officer for Precinct 2.

CATTLE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

For Year Beginning March 1, 1899, and Ending March 1, 1900.

BILLERICA, MASS., March 1, 1900.

The whole number of examinations made, 1,356.

Under this examination I found 52 cattle diseased, and these have been killed by the State, for which the owners have received $1,347, an average of $29.90 per head, while the average for the entire State was $22.00 per head.

There have been 2 horses quarantined for glanders. One was released, the other killed and sent to the Lowell Rendering Co.

Animals killed at the slaughter houses in Billerica:

Cows	132
Thirteen of these were sent to the Lowell Rendering Co.	
Calves	382
Hogs	63

WILLIAM H. HUTCHINS,
Inspector.

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT.

To the Town of Billerica:

In presenting the annual report of the Board of Health we think the Town is to be congratulated for its comparative exemption from severe forms of contagious disease.

We would recommend that advantage be taken of the introduction of the water into the public school buildings, to properly reconstruct the water closets and lavatories, and do away with the present system, which is too apt to be a danger to the health of the inmates of the buildings, and the Board will so advise the School Committee.

JOHN B. TYLER,
COBURN S. SMITH,
JOHN E. ROWELL,
Board of Health.

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation, $9,000 00.

J. G. Morrill, superintendent	$375 00
J. A. Baker, music	500 07
M. E. Hill, drawing teacher	280 30
L. T. McKenney	330 00
	1,485 37
E. M. Arnold, teacher's salary	150 00
A. B. Bisbee, " "	395 00
K. A. Brown, " "	415 00
L. A. Brown, " "	150 00
E. M. Buckley, " "	230 00
E. M. Chapin, " "	520 37
B. F. Harding, " "	570 00
M. A. Hosmer, " "	327 00
M. Hughes, " "	230 00
G. L. Knowles, " "	327 00
J. M. Livingston, " "	380 00
L. L. McIntire, " "	370 00
M. F. Page, " "	380 00
A. J. Page, " "	380 00
M. E. F. Shea, " "	452 50
E. Rideout, " "	380 00
Frank S. Bartlett, janitor	243 75
Fred Smith, janitor	200 00
	7,585 99
American Book Co., supplies	3 84
Elmer E. Cole, coal	183 72
C. Kitchen, janitor	3 00
John Shepard, sundries	1 25

R. D. Blodgett, supplies	$9 40
T. R. Sherwell, supplies	17 50
Ginn & Co., supplies	64 13
Thompson & Co., supplies	23 12
W. Robinson, ticket	1 20
S. A. Marshall, repairs	17 32
S. J. Cook, wood	33 00
F. W. Cowdry, conveying scholars	114 40
J. L Hammett, supplies	49 61
Thomas A. Ellis, labor	292 19
Morning Mail, printing	4 50
T. E. Smith, labor	27 25
T. F. Lyons, supplies	68
E. W. Livingston, use of piano	2 50
Esterbrook & Co., supplies	4 80
Geo. S. Perry, supplies	21 33
Engraving Co., supplies	1 68
V. J. Hosmer, repairs	1 25
J. A. Baker, supplies	5 17
Morning Mail, printing	7 75
Chester Kitchen, janitor	3 00
Annie O'Hare, car fare	7 60
Henry Shuman, car fare	2 30
H. B. Kitchen, car fare	70
J. Hopkinson, car fare	7 30
F. and B. Barris, car fare	7 10
T. A. Ellis, labor	2 05
Alfred Lyons, janitor	3 00
E. Kitchen, car fare	1 65
A. Hosmer, labor	6 00
L. A. Barris, labor	45
J. G. McKinnon, labor	1 25
W. H. Mason	3 00
P. E. Holman, conveying scholars	90 00
A. S. French, janitor	10 00
Walter Sutcliffe, wood	118 91
Dewolfe, Fisk & Co., supplies	56 24
H. C. Somers, labor	13 48
E. E. Babb, supplies	59 20

Hill & Proctor, supplies	$4 00
Victor Hosmer, supplies	12 00
F. A. Morey, supplies	2 06
American Express, express	13 33
H. D. Livingston, labor	17 00
F. A. Casey, supplies	11 38
American Book Co., supplies	13 83
Walworth Manufacturing Co.	24 21
Geo. H. Hall, labor	19 66
F. J. Barnard, supplies	190 44
E. A. King, labor, etc.	116 86
T. F. Lyons, postage	10 60
Mrs. Flynn, cleaning school	3 00
M. H. Wallace, supplies	8 00
Talbot Mills, use of hall	6 00
Boston & Maine R. R., fares	6 00
H. M. Putney, fares	5 40
W. H. Hodgkins, supplies	87 24
E. W. Livingston, use of piano	2 50
Geo. H. Wood, supplies	9 00
Geo. H. Bennink, labor	13 73
Swinington & Smith, labor	63 05
J. Foster, car fare	1 05
H. H. Colby, car fare	5 15
M. A. Dodge, census	37 84
E. C. French, cleaning school	4 00
D. L. Corkum, sawing wood	10 00
May Curtis, car fare	5 15
Jennie Foster, car fare	3 60
M. D. Dickey, wood	2 50
H. L. Douglass, janitor	3 00
C. B. Kitchen, cleaning school	3 00
H. D. Livingston, teaming	5 00
E. A. King, labor,	4 76
Geo. H. Hall, labor, etc.	3 75
C. B. Heath, supplies	13 60
J. Wright, labor	47 75
Aaron Pasho, sawing wood	6 00
Chas. L. Burton, supplies	1 50

Boston & Maine R. R., tickets	$6 00
J. G. Morrill, supplies	2 77
W. H. Mason, wood and cleaning	6 75
H. C. Somers	2 13
Silver, Burdett & Co.	16 05
P. Lyons, janitor	5 00
Geo. S. Perry, supplies	3 15
Educational Pub. Co., supplies	10 59
Jackson Wright, labor	1 75
D. C. Heath, supplies	10 50
H. A. Winship, supplies	7 50
C. B. Kitchen, janitor	5 00
New England Pub. Co., supplies	50
J. A. Baker, supplies	7 00
D. J. Dewire, coal	68 69
W. H. Sexton, post	75
O. A. Richardson, supplies	1 55
E. W. Livingston, use of team	1 50
Town of Billerica, truant officer, janitor, and heating Union Hall school	96 00
James Barrington, labor, etc	3 32
Houghton & Co., supplies	41 17
Morse & Co., supplies	15 00
S. J. Cook, wood	36 69
Geo. H. Bennink, labor, etc	1 75
A. H. Jones, labor, etc	40 69
M. W. Hosmer, supplies	12 95
J. E. Bull, supplies	16 85
C. Kitchen,	3 00
S. J. Cook	9 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Appropriation, $1,300 00.

Murdock Grate Co., tablets	125 00
Gilbert & Barker, gasoline	18 18
American Express Co., express	1 30
B. F. Gately, police	12 11
E. B. Haskell, book, etc.	3 70
Swinington & Smith, supplies	21 50
C. D. Marland, printing	2 25
T. F. Lyons, stationery	11 82
Thomas Groom, assessor's book	4 00
Boston & Maine R. R.	53
Talbot Mills, kerosene	4 40
H. A. King, making deed	1 10
H. A. King	2 75
J. E. Bull, lawn mower	4 75
Caldwell & Co., repairs	1 70
S. W. Stackpole, raising flag	3 20
Josiah Wright, repairs	6 00
American Express	1 00
Moore & Sprowl, painting	35 50
Thomas H. Lawler, supplies	12 00
Adams & Co., ink	40
C. L. Burton, repairs	1 38
Morning Mail, printing	146 75
Hillhurst, telephone	90
Dr. O. A. Flint, reporting births, 1897 and 1899	8 25
T. F. Lyons, stamps	7 48
City of Lowell, police	2 00
Swinington & Smith, supplies	20 62
S. W. Stackpole, raising flag	3 20
Morning Mail, printing	6 00

Thomas Groom, book	$2 00
E. W. Livingston, fares, etc	7 50
City of Lowell, police	1 00
Town of Tewksbury, taxes	11 66
Holden & Co., supplies	90
Sidney A. Bull, adjusting scales	2 00
H. A. King, express	1 56
Boston & Maine R. R.	1 00
F. A. Morey, supplies	6 01
F. A. Morey, coal	56 46
City of Lowell, police	6 00
Gilbert & Barker, mantels	4 20
C. A. Holt, telephone	1 90
H. M. Meek, book	3 50
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	84
T. F. Lyons, stamps	3 24
Swinington & Smith, supplies	23 70
H. D. Livingston, teaming	16 00
W. E. Hatch, voting booths	16 00
Walworth Manufacturing Co., gasoline	27 70
D. J. McDonald, ward room	5 00
E. E. Cole, coal	125 08
Morning Mail, printing	4 00
W. B. Moffatt, counsel	4 50
Josiah Wright, setting stones	6 00
Jackson Wright, labor	2 75
C. A. Holt, telephone	30
E. W. Livingston, expense	14 61
Bay State Foundry, seal	4 25
C. N. Marland, printing	1 75
F. A. Fisher, advice	123 00
C. C. Johnson, polish	1 00
J. E. Blodgett, care town clock	25 00
F. S. Bartlett, special police	4 00
E. B. Haskell, perambulating town lines	20 00
Dr. G. L. Van Dusen, reporting birth	25
C. L. Burton, repairing clock	3 25
H. A. King, births, deaths and marriages	43 05
W. B. Moffatt, counsel	10 00

Henry Farrington, handcuffs	$3 50
Charles Maxwell, district reports	2 00
Arthur Scaboria, reporting births	25
H. A. King, stationery	4 25
J. A. Richardson, expense	7 50
E. B. Haskell, police, car fare, etc	8 00
W. H. Anderson, advice	10 00
J. E. Bull, supplies	9 09
E. A. King, repairs	2 25
E. W. Livingston, use of team, etc	7 75
Josiah Wright, police	3 00
F. A. Morey, supplies	2 39
J. E. Rowell, perambulating town lines	20 00
Boston & Maine	61
Martin Conway, Jr., car fare	16 80
F. A. Morey, supplies	1 25
Dr. M. A. Buck, medical attendance	2 50
Swinington & Co., repairs	2 00
Gilbert & Barker, gasoline	19 76
T. F. Lyons, postage, etc	4 49
J. Wright, perambulating town lines	20 00

Macadam Road.

Appropriation		$1,150 00
Pay roll for September	$102 14	
Pay roll for October	257 41	
Pay roll for November	105 25	
E. E. Cole, coal	15 00	
Geo. L. Dunham, supplies	2 62	
F. Harrington, labor	22 00	
B. W. Kearney, labor	34 00	
D. J. Dewire, labor	34 00	
American Plough Co.	21 38	
Smith & Brooks, surveyors	10 00	
Highways, labor	248 00	
J. E. Rowell and others, labor	225 55	
		$1,077 35

Fire Department.

Appropriation		$1,500 00
Pay roll, Steamer No. 1	$135 88	
Pay roll, Engine No. 2	215 15	
Pay roll, H. & L. Co. No. 1	115 83	
Pay roll, H. & L. Co. No. 2	124 24	
C. Callahan Co., hose	550 00	
C. S. Hill & Co., wagon	375 00	
Services at brush fire	12 40	
B. W. Kearney, use of horse	3 00	
Talbot Chemical Co., supplies	9 35	
Hill & Co., supplies	4 75	
P. J. Sexton, repairs	8 40	
E. Bartlett, use of team	2 00	
Services at fire, H. & L. No. 1	22 20	
Steamer No. 1, supplies	5 00	
Hook & L. No. 2, supplies	2 60	
Steamer No. 1, fires	31 60	
Geo. L. Dunham, supplies	1 89	
P. Sexton, repairs	8 00	
		$1,627 29

Police Department.

Appropriation		$1,500 00
Martin Conway, Jr., services	$730 00	
E. W. Livingston, services	730 00	
		1,460 00

Sidewalk at North Billerica.

Special appropriation		$400 00
Josiah Wright, labor	$150 75	
P. White, labor	9 75	
T. O'Mally, labor,	4 12	
George Williams, labor	29 62	
J. R. Conway, labor	10 50	
J. E. Rowell, labor	65 35	

M. Dickey, labor	$21 00	
J. F. Finnegan, labor	94 00	
Burnham & Davis, lumber	135 44	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	3 45	
Pay roll, laborers	107 72	
Thomas Spaulding, labor	7 88	
J. D. Runnells, labor	18 10	
P. J. Sexton, labor	2 00	
Ed. Keyes, labor	8 25	
		$667 93

HYDRANTS.

Appropriation		$2,300 00
Billerica Water Works		2,300 00

TALBOT AVENUE.

John E. Rowell, labor		$41 00
John Finnegan, labor		26 00
Edward Spaulding and others, labor		700 17

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation		$250 00
John E. Bowman, copying	39 75	
Thomas H. Lawler, book	3 00	
E. W. Brown, labor	21 50	
E. K. Richardson and others, labor	30 46	
Leonard Blood, labor	78 00	
Dennis U. Keefe, labor	25 00	
E. F. Dickinson, grading, etc	78 00	
		$275 71

COMMON.

Appropriation		$75 00
William Livingston, labor		60 00

Painting Town Farm Buildings.

Appropriation		$150 00
Moore & Sprowl, labor	77 25	
F. A. Morey, stock	63 20	
G. H. Holt, supplies	12 00	
		$152 45

Water Town Hall.

Appropriation		$50 00
Water April 30	12 00	
Water June 15	29 94	
Water Dec. 7	35 50	
		$77 44

Town Records.

Etta F. Stanton, copying	153 60
H. A. King, copying	20 40
Martha A. Hodge, copying	20 00
	$194 00

Decoration Day.

Appropriation	$100 00
C. S. Smith, treasurer	100 00

Insurance.

Appropriation		$150 00
John H. Foster	165 00	
F. C. Church	26 20	
		$191 20

Sidewalks.

Appropriation		$100 00
J. E. Rowell, labor	26 65	
Henry O'Brien, repairs	3 40	
P. J. Sexton, items	3 36	
J. Runnells, labor	6 40	
Ed Keyes, labor	6 00	
J. Wright, labor	39 00	
		$84 81

Election Officers.

Appropriation		$100 00
Geo. Perry	5 00	
John J. Mahony	10 00	
E. R. Costello	5 00	
Joseph Hannon	5 00	
E. L. McMahan	2 00	
R. T. Perry	4 00	
Joseph Ellis	5 00	
J. T. Sutcliffe	5 00	
M. Coughlin	5 00	
Roger Barrington	5 00	
H. A. King	5 00	
Phillip Dolan	5 00	
C. A. Wright	5 00	
Patrick Kennelly	5 00	
Franklin Jaquith	5 00	
Clarence A. Bowman	5 00	
T. M. Harrigan	5 00	
J. S. Holt	10 00	
		$96 00

Board of Health.

Appropriation		$50 00
Estate of Dr. F. G. Manson	$7 50	
C. S. Smith, services	5 00	
Dr. J. B. Tyler, services	15 50	
J. E. Rowell, services	9 00	
		$37 00

Street Lighting.

Appropriation		$700 00
W. A. Evans, Treasurer	$350 00	
Sidney A. Bull, Treasurer	350 00	
		$700 00

Auditors.

Appropriation		$45 00
E. B. Colby, auditor	$15 00	
R. F. Perry, auditor	15 00	
Geo. P. Greenwood, auditor	15 00	
		$45 00

Bridges.

Appropriation		$250 00
D. W. Fitch, repairs	$48 62	
Burnham & Davis, lumber	193 65	
T. E. Smith, labor	12 08	
C. W. Sprowl, painting	62 00	
P. J. Sexton, repairs	18 54	
		$334 89

Cattle Inspector.

Appropriation		$500 00
William H. Hutchins, salary		404 35

Soldiers' Relief.

Appropriation		$100 00
Paul Nason	$15 00	
Mrs. W. S. King	4 00	
		$19 00

Fish Warden.

Appropriation		$100 00
Patrick Kearney, services		100 00

Registrars of Voters.

Appropriation		$100 00
Herbert A. King, services	25 00	
Edward L. McMahan, services	25 00	
John Harrington, services	25 00	
Arthur W. Holden, services	25 00	

Flag Pole.

Special appropriation	$150 00
H. W. Sheldon	150 00

Town Officers.

A. H. Jones, Tax Collector	$250 00
John A. Richardson, Treasurer	250 00
Herbert A. King, Town Clerk	150 00
John E. Rowell, Selectman and Overseer Poor	162 50
Josiah Wright, Selectman and Assessor	232 50
Edward B. Haskell, Selectman and Overseer Poor	200 00
Sears J. Cook, Overseer of Poor	100 00
William H. Hutchins, Assessor	65 00
Geo. E. Simonds, Assessor	65 00
Allan Bottomley, School Committee	60 00
Fred A. Casey, School Committee	60 00
D. M. Staley, School Committee	60 00

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BILLERICA

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1899-1900.

CALENDAR.

HOWE SCHOOL.

1900.

April 2 — Spring term begins.
June 8 — Examination for admission, at 8.30 A. M.
June 15 — Spring term closes.
Sept. 4 — Fall term begins.
Dec. 21 — Fall term closes.

1901.

Jan. 1 — Winter term begins.
Mar. 29 — Winter term closes.

LOWER SCHOOLS.

1900.

Mar. 5 — Spring term begins.
June 15 — Spring term closes.
Sept. 10 — Fall term begins.
Dec. 21 — Fall term closes.

1901.

Jan. 1 — Winter term begins.
Feb. 22 — Winter term closes.
Mar. 4 — Spring term begins.
June 14 — Spring term closes.

ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD, 1899-1900.

ALLAN BOTTOMLEY, Chairman; term expires 1900.
D. MOYER STALEY, Secretary; term expires 1901.
FREDERICK A. CASEY; term expires 1902.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

Pollard and Richardson Schools, FREDERICK A. CASEY.
Talbot and Union Hall Schools, ALLAN BOTTOMLEY.
Hill, Spaulding and Crosby Schools, D. MOYER STALEY.

J. G. MORRELL, Superintendent.

TEACHERS.

Instructor in Music,
MR. J. AVISON BAKER.

Instructor in Drawing,
MISS MARGARET E. HILL.

Principal of Howe High School,
EARL C. DAVIS, A. B.

Assistant,
VIVIAN B. SMALL, A. B.

Pollard Grammar,
MISS ELIZABETH M. CHAPIN.

Pollard Sub-Grammar,
MISS LIZZIE L. MCINTIRE.

Pollard Intermediate,
MISS ALMA B. BISBEE.

Pollard Primary,
MISS HATTIE F. PAGE.

Talbot Grammar,
MR. B. F. HARDING.

Talbot Sub-Grammar,
MISS MARY E. F. SHEA.

Talbot Intermediate,
MISS M. E. RIDEOUT.

Talbot Primary,
MISS JENNIE M. LIVINGSTON.

Union Hall Intermediate.
MISS KATE A. BROWN.

Union Hall Primary.
MISS MARY E. HUGHES.

Richardson School,
MISS ANNIE J. PAGE.

Spaulding School,
MISS ETHEL L. BUCKLEY.

Hill School,
MISS MARY A. HOSMER.

Crosby School,
MISS GRACE L. KNOWLES.

Kindergarten,
Principal, MISS ISABELLE HOULISTON. Assistant, MARY B. BARTLETT.

Truant Officers,
Precinct 1.—E. W. LIVINGSTON. Precinct 2.—MARTIN CONWAY, JR.

Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of Billerica:

Another school year is closed and your committee has pleasure in presenting its annual report.

Our Superintendent, Mr. James G. Morrell, has discharged his duties with fidelity in the interests of the schools. We commend him for the tact he has displayed in settling little difficulties that have arisen in relation to school discipline, also for the tireless energy manifested in the prosecution of his work.

The report of Superintendent, Teacher of Music, Teacher of Drawing and Principal of the Howe School are subjoined, and we ask the careful perusal and consideration of every citizen.

The people in this country believe in education, and inherit a form of government well adapted to the development of the youth of our land. We all realize and appreciate the great advantages in the race of life, possessed by those who have well informed and disciplined minds. Never was there a time when disciplined thought was more needed in those who may soon fill worthy places in the development of our institutions. Then, as citizens of the good old town of

Billerica, let us see to it that we give to the young and rising generation a good start in life by imparting to them a practical and liberal education—the most will not be too much and the best will not be too good.

We are glad to be able to say the schools are in fair condition, and with pleasure we acknowledge the faithfulness and loyalty of most of the teachers in their untiring efforts in behalf of the pupils. Many of our citizens have but a partial idea of the amount of labor, both in brain and body, which the faithful consecrated teacher has to perform each day. The day's work is not done when the hour for closing comes; but the examination papers have to be looked over and corrected, class records kept and rank cards filled out, etc. This is not for one day only, but for every day of the school year.

The study of music has been continued with good success. Many of the pupils have had the benefit of musical study since entering the schools, and the thorough drill they have received from a faithful teacher is now apparent in their work.

The Kindergarten department at the North has been increased in efficiency during the year, and the children are very much interested in their work. Your committee is not unmindful of the liberality and thoughtfulness manifested by the Misses Faulkner for organizing and continuing this branch, and also for the deep interest and kindness shown by Miss Hattie Rogers, who is constantly on the lookout for the comfort and welfare of the little ones.

Some needed changes have been made in Union Hall building; sanitary closets with water service have been provided.

STORM SIGNALS FOR SCHOOLS.

The Talbot Mills bell will strike at 7.45 A. M. two strokes thrice repeated to indicate no school in the forenoon. The same signal at 11.30 will indicate no school in the afternoon when there has been a forenoon session. When there has not been a forenoon session but weather changes warrant an afternoon session, this will be indicated by two strokes four times repeated at 11.30 A. M. This signal will also be given at the Chemical Works at the same time. The bell on the Unitarian Church at the Centre will give the same signal for the Pollard School.

The members of the School Board hold their monthly meetings at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening preceding the first Thursday of each month.

ALLAN BOTTOMLEY,
D. MOYER STALEY,
FREDERICK A. CASEY,
School Committee.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation	$9,000 00		
Massachusetts school fund	255 51		
From state on account of supt.	625 00		
Refunded dog tax	319 52		
Received for tuition	20 00		
		$10,220 03	
Conveyance of pupils to Crosby school	120 00		
Conveyance of pupils above sixth grade	300 00		
		$420 00	
For library books		100 00	
			$10,740.03

LIABILITIES.

Teachers	$6,475 24		
Superintendent	705 00		
Books and supplies	660 36		
Fuel	456 96		
Janitors	521 75		
Census	37 84		
Repairs	134 84		
Labor	19 82		
Improvements	612 28		
Truant officers	96 00		
Incidentals	143 89		
		$9,863 98	
Conveyance of pupils to Crosby School	$90 00		
Conveyance of pupils above Sixth grade	194 60		
		$284 60	
Library books		97 22	
			$10,245 80
Unexpended balance			$494 23

The committee make the following estimate for the ensuing year:

Teachers	$6,000 00	
Superintendent	375 00	
Books and supplies	650 00	
Fuel	700 00	
Janitors	700 00	
Repairs	350 00	
Incidentals	220 00	
	$8,995 00	
Less state fund	350 00	
		$8,645 00

The committee therefore recommend that $8,500, in addition to the dog tax, be raised and appropriated for the support of schools.

ALLAN BOTTOMLEY,
D. MOYER STALEY,
FREDERICK A. CASEY,
School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Committee of Billerica,

GENTLEMEN: — I herewith respectfully submit the tenth report of Superintendent of Schools, it being my first report.

Since my term of office has been so short, and circumstances so nearly preclude comments from a retrospective view, whether they be favorable or unfavorable, my report must necessarily be prospective except so far as the past must be used in understanding the present and judging the future.

Thur far I have done little more than to study the demands of the schools and make plans for the ensuing year. To my knowledge no regular course of study has been in use, so the teachers have been following the plan of previous years. My predecessor has informed me that he had departed materially from the published course of study for the purpose of introducing a new one last fall. It is my plan to introduce a course of study next fall. It was not possible to introduce one last fall, neither was it advisable to break into the work in the middle of the year. Whatever changes have been made this year, and whatever books have been bought, have been such as will conform to the course of study now in preparation for next year.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

During the past two years over two hundred volumes of well chosen books have been put into the libraries. Because of these books many pupils have already acquired the habit of reading. While there is still need of more books in the libraries, there is a greater need of reference books for the teachers and class books for the pupils.

With less than a hundred and fifty dollars that was available at the opening of the fall term with which to run the school six months, it has not been possible to purchase very much outside of the ordinary running demands of the schools. Yet one set of books of literature has been put in the ninth grade, and those of the ninth grade have been placed in the seventh and eighth grades. Most of the books of the primary grades have slant script. The teachers have been teaching vertical. Thus the books have been undoing what the teachers have been doing. All of these books have been exchanged for new ones, and several new books of literature have been placed in the intermediate grades. There are on hand a large number of old readers that partake of the nature of rubbish. These will be exchanged at the earliest convenience for books of literature. The time has come when something must be done in regard to text books. It was the plan of my predecessor to make several changes along this line. While I may not carry out his plan, I see the stern necessity of doing something.

Before the introduction of drawing the cost of books and supplies was about five hundred dollars a year. It must necessarily be more now. Last year the expense of books and supplies was a little over eight hundred dollars. This

year it has been a little over six hundred dollars. I think six hundred dollars will meet the ordinary expense for books and supplies including the expense of drawing. But considering the large number of books that must be bought to even partially meet the wants of the school, I would recommend that seven hundred dollars be allowed for books and supplies for the ensuing year.

Recently an inventory has been taken of all books and supplies in each one of the school rooms. A strict account will be kept of each room so that extravagance on the part of any school may be located.

Often there is a laxity in the use of supplies. A pencil, a sheet of paper or a pen is not much; but when four or five hundred pupils are using them, twenty-five cents wasted by each pupil is quite an item. The financial waste is not the worst feature. Laxity in the care of school supplies creates a habit in the pupils that will have its influence in after days.

There is no better way to teach the very important subject, economy, than to practice it in the use of supplies and the care of books. The boy who acquires the habit in school of caring for his books and pencils will acquire wealth.

NINTH GRADE.

It was found necessary to introduce a ninth grade both at the North and at the Centre. This gives an extra grade in both the Talbot and Pollard Buildings. There ought to be another teacher in the Pollard Building, but while there is too much work for four teachers there is not enough for five. At the North it is a question, as it was last year, whether it will not be necessary to open another school in Union Hall.

The situation here is pratically the same as at the Centre. There is not work enough for seven teachers but too much for six.

A room situated near the Howe School Building for the accommodation of the ninth grades of both the North and the Centre not only would relieve the whole situation, but it would be of no extra expense to the town. For it will cost as much to support a school in Union Hall as it would elsewhere, and the extra school in Union Hall would only relieve the situation at the North.

There might be an objection on the part of those at the North to go to the Centre; but I think there would not be, when they consider that they will go to the High School a year later.

This ninth grade could have one session, the same as the Howe School, so that pupils of the same family, some attending the ninth grade and some the Howe School, could go and return at the same time. It would also be convenient for pupils of the ninth grade to get home early in the afternoon.

Situated in rooms with one or two other grades, as the ninth grade now is, little or no choice in subjects to be studied can be given. All must take the course that fits for the High School. If the course could be more elective, those who are not going to the High School could be much benefited.

MUSIC AND DRAWING.

Mr. Baker's work speaks for itself. It is too well known to need any comment by me. Considering that this is but the second year in drawing, great progress has been made,

Although drawing has no apparent effect upon the pupils, its influence is very beneficial. It arouses the æsthetic nature of the pupils, cultivates observation and even aids in the study of mathematics. For more detailed statements attention is called to the reports made by the special teachers of these subjects, and herewith submitted.

KINDERGARTEN.

The Kindergarten at the North, so generously supported by interested parties, is of inestimable value to the community.

In many cases no year of school life is more profitably spent than the one in the Kindergarten. The pupils in this department are at the age when the growing traits of nativity are most easily recognized, and the objectionable ones are most readily transformed to something more desirable. The transformation of an ugly disposition to that of an amiable one is worth far more than the acquisition of book knowledge. There ought to be a Kindergarten at the Centre.

THE HOWE HIGH SCHOOL.

This school seems to be in very safe hands. Teachers and pupils appear to be working together, a condition from which good results invariably must come. For a detailed statement of the school consult the Principal's report herewith submitted.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

It would seem ill advised for the town to make a great expenditure on repairing old buildings, excepting where it is

to meet a temporary need. Yet something must be done for the sanitary condition of both the Talbot and Pollard buildings. Otherwise, as in the past, they will be liable to be condemned.

If the Talbot should be repaired, and a lavatory added to the Pollard, it would cost over five thousand dollars. And the crowded condition of all the schools in the Talbot building, and of the grammar room in the Pollard building, would not be relieved. Six schools and possibly seven, would have to be maintained at the North. And even then we would have three grades in at least one room. Also at the Centre one room would have three grades. After all this expense it would take eleven or twelve schools to give even passable accommodations to the pupils of the North and the Centre.

If a new building should be built at the North, and two rooms added to the Pollard building, one for the lavatory and the other for a recitation room which would accommodate the ninth grade both of this building and of the Talbot; the expense would be twelve thousand dollars, or seven thousand more than the repairs. Ten schools at the most would give first class accommodations, while it would take eleven or twelve schools under the other plan to give even satisfactory accommodations.

The difference between the cost of the two plans is seven thousand dollars. The difference of running the schools under the two plans would be about five hundred dollars a year. Five hundred dollars on seven thousand dollars is over seven per cent. Thus it is clear that if the town is going to do anything, it had better adopt the second plan. For what this plan would cost more than the other would be

a good investment. The first plan would give us a permanent dissatisfaction; the second would be a bed-rock foundation for all time.

I trust the citizens of Billerica will exercise their good judgment in regard to this matter.

THINGS TO BE CONSIDERED.

The state is maintaining Normal Schools for the purpose of training teachers. Every town, however small, may receive the benefit of these schools.

It is sometimes argued that teachers from the Normal School are not successful, and occasionally this is true. We only claim that other things being equal the Normal teacher is superior. It is unreasonable to maintain that one can receive no benefit from a two years drill in a school which is devoted to the science and practice of teaching, and has the ablest teachers in the country. If one can receive no benefit from such a school—cannot be taught—certainly, such a one is not fit to teach others. Better qualification can be received from two years in the Normal School than from four years practice in teaching. When qualification is obtained from practice in teaching, an incalculable injustice is done to the pupils.

Good salaries should be paid to good teachers. Other things being equal teachers of the town should be patronized. However, it always should be remembered that the schools are for the pupils and not for the teachers. To discharge a good teacher does little damage to her, for she is always in demand elsewhere.

It is a singular fact that the sympathy of a community is usually so with the teacher that she is often retained even to the detriment of every pupil in the school. Why should the pupils not receive a little sympathy?

The state is helping the towns to maintain supervision. It pays six hundred and twenty-five dollars of the superintendent's salary while the town pays but one hundred and twenty-five dollars, yet the state demands no voice. It furnishes schools for the purpose of preparing teachers and it gives six hundred and twenty-five dollars a year towards hiring a superintendent for no higher purpose than to select good teachers for the schools. When a superintendent loses sight of the interest of the school while in pursuit of the interest of the teacher, he is no longer fit for his position.

Good teachers make good schools. Without them the superintendent can do nothing. When the superintendent is deprived of the liberty of choosing teachers, he can only eke out his salary and look for something better.

I do not wish to complain about the present condition of our school system. If it is satisfactory to the citizens, and they wish for no change, I will do the best I can to gratify their desire. But if they are willing to try a change for the purpose of getting something better, they must not complain and criticise until the changes shall have had time to work out their natural results.

Since there is a feeling on the part of the citizens of the outlying districts that too large a proportion of the money is being spent at the villages, perhaps the following statement may be of interest.

The average yearly cost per pupil for teachers under the present circumstances :

Talbot	$11 25
Pollard	13 25
Union Hall	16 85
Outlying schools	25 99
Average for all schools	16 85

The average should not exceed $14.00 per pupil.

It costs thirty-seven per cent. more per pupil in Union Hall than in the Pollard and Talbot Schools, in the outlying schools one hundred and twelve per cent. more per pupil than in the village schools.

While the pupils of the outlying schools are receiving more than their proportional part of the money expended, they are not receiving so much benefit from the school work as those at the Centre. This is because there are too many grades in the outlying schools.

It would be a wise move for the Crosby School to go to the Centre.

By request an inventory of books and supplies is appended to this report. As before stated there are a large number of old books on hand that partake of the nature of rubbish and are not worth the space that the report of them would occupy, so only the aggregate number of such books is given.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation of the kindly reception by the people of Billerica, of the unqualified support and ready advice of the School Board and of the hearty co-operation of the teachers.

J. G. MORRELL,
Superintendent of Schools.

Report of the Principal of the Howe School.

BILLERICA, MASS., Feb. 27, 1900.

Mr. J. G. Morrell, Superintendent of Schools,

DEAR SIR: — I beg you to accept the following report from the Howe School:

Recent reforms in educational aims and practices have resulted in many changes, which make the modern high school a much more practical and serviceable institution than the old. It aims at a general rather than a classical training. We have come to realize that the classical training is not adapted to the general demands of modern life. The tendency now is to make the secondary school furnish a broad training for the great majority of pupils who have no desire or opportunity for a higher education, as well as a special preparation for college. Sciences, modern languages and a far broader course in English have taken the place, to a great extent, of Latin, Greek and kindred subjects. While the Howe School is unable to offer as broad a program of studies as it could wish, it does meet the demands of the State law in regard to high schools of towns of such size as Billerica. Would that it could do more! It attempts to give the pupils a good general idea of the problems that have been settled in the past, and also a broad view of life and such knowledge as will be serviceable in settling the problems which are constantly arising in actual life. It aims to give the pupil the right attitude toward life and its relations. It seems to me that that is education. There is one subject that all ought to have a good knowledge of, and that subject is English. We attempt to make the English course as thorough, as interesting, and as profitable as any course in the school. In order to make the most of this course, the pupils should come to the high school with

a good working knowledge of English. By this I mean that the pupil should have an accurate knowledge of the classification of work, and analytical and synthetical knowledge of the sentence and its function, and a clean cut idea of the laws that govern the use of capitals and punctuation marks. The pupil ought also to have studied from a literary standpoint some of the more simple and interesting works of standard writers. In connection with this such writing should be practiced as develops the imagination. All this ought to be done before the pupil reaches the high school, for it is rather discouraging and unprofitable to spend time in the high school on work that should have been done in the grades. In particular I think that the English in the grades below the high school needs attention. I can see that a great improvement has been made during the past two years, but I think that there is still an opportunity for more improvement.

The addition of the ninth grade to the grammar school has been productive of valuable results as seen from the high school standpoint. It has served to bridge over the chasm between the grammar school and high school. Every action that tends to bring the two together; that tends to make the grammar school pupil feel that his school life is not complete until he has conquered the high school is a great step toward the day when every one will feel the absolute necessity of the high school course.

We feel renewed encouragement in the interest that most of the pupils take in the work. While school work is not all that should interest the pupil, it should command the greater portion of his time and attention during the school period. It should be first and foremost, the *vocation* and not the avocation. I must persist in my request that the parents see to it that each pupil does a considerable amount of work at home. The work is arranged with the idea in mind that each pupil should work at least two hours per day out of school. If this is not done, poor work is the result, and the loss falls on the pupil. Whether, or not, he can afford the loss is for him and his parents to decide.

The attendance is on the whole very satisfactory, but each pupil ought to realize that only the most necessary demands should keep him from school. The lessons lost may be made up, but a day lost is lost and never can be made up. I know full well that practically all the absences are apparently necessary. Personally I should hesitate a long time before keeping a pupil from school for any other reason than illness. As was said above, it is the pupil's loss, and he must bear the consequences.

Again this year an invitation is extended to all to visit the school as often as possible.

Very respectfully,

E. C. DAVIS,
Principal Howe School.

HOWE SCHOOL.

Total enrollment, 44.
Number of pupils between 7 and 14 years of age, 10.
Number of pupils over 15 years of age, 26.
Average membership, 39.90.
Average attendance, 38.87.
Per cent. of attendance, 97.43.

MEMBERS OF CLASS OF '99.

John Barrington.
Thomas J. Garvin.
Albert P. Holt.
Robert J. King.
Louis I. Perry.
Albert Richardson.
Frances A. Rogers.
Joseph H. Sherman.

Report of Instructor of Music.

Mr. J. G. Morrell, Superintendent of Schools:

This is an age of progress. Music, in common with other studies, has felt the effect of educational progress, and the old time rote singing is being superseded by intelligent singing by note. Why should not children learn to sing by learning tones just as they learn to talk by learning words.

Music should no more be learned by imitation than language. No one would suppose that the learning of a few sentences by ear would be learning to read. Learning a song by ear is exactly the same thing and has no more educational value. In reading, the wrong inflection or incorrect pronunciation is corrected by a model given by the teacher. In the same way may be corrected a wrong or loud and harsh tone, or an incorrect tone length. The same educational methods should underlie the learning of music that underlie learning to read. If we are to teach rote songs in the schools for the entertainment of visitors, it is a very expensive affair, considering the lamentable fact that so few people visit the public schools. Nine out of ten who do visit school will be more interested in hearing the children read an exercise at sight, showing some practical knowledge of music, than in hearing a song which has been learned parrot-like, and often sung loud enough to start the shingles.

Let us teach music as one would teach any other study. If a song is to be learned let it be learned from a knowledge of the elements of music and not by ear; and until children have learned enough of the elements of music to learn a song in the right way, let us leave out the song. Let us not try to make sentences until

we know words enough to make a sentence. Let us not try to sing a song until we know tones enough to make a musical sentence. Personally, I believe the object of public education is to make "*good citizens*," and I believe that the study of music should be an important part of that education. As I understand it, public education is not for the individual exclusively, but for the mass. I do not suppose that the public cares whether John Jones, or even a whole class of John Joneses, when they leave school have the ability to name technically every flower or plant, or their parts; or that they can transpose, harmonize or sing at first sight any music set before them; but the public "*does*" care that they leave school with minds bright and active; that they take their places in business capable of earning a respectable livelihood, and, as members of society, courteous, honest, courageous, with respect for parents and elders; and, as citizens, with love for their country, ready and willing to do their part toward the furtherance of their country's good. This is what I think taxpayers are paying their money for, and it is what they should expect and should have. This is public education, and, as I have said before, music is a part of it — and a most important part.

I would be pleased to see parents and friends of the children make frequent visits to the school-room, and feel that they would be enjoyed by all.

With the earnest support of all our teachers, and by special care of the many beautiful voices under our charge, I feel sure that this department can be made more perfect each year.

Thanking you and all with whom I have been associated for the courtesy received, I am

Very respectfully,

J. AVISON BAKER.

Report of Instructor in Drawing.

Mr. J. G. Morrell, Superintendent of Schools:

In compliance with your request for a report on drawing in the public schools, I submit the following:

In my report last year I attempted to show what were our aims. At this time it will probably be expected that a statement be made as to how far a year's work has accomplished the desired results.

Except under unusual conditions the principal results that the supervisor of drawing or art instruction expects to accomplish in the primary and grammar grades of public schools are as follows:

The opening up and arousing an interest in the subject of art in general in the minds and thought of the children.

The formation of good habits in their methods of study, observation and rendering; good habits of work being formed pupils will be enabled to work to a certain extent by themselves.

The exercise and improvement of his inventive powers and of his judgment in matters of taste or preference.

A certain amount of power in representing simple things in a truthful, pleasing and tasteful manner.

After eight or more years spent in the common schools in faithful effort, the pupil should have accomplished something of decided value to him. If he goes farther in this study than the grammar school, he has a good foundation upon which to begin more advanced work. If his school days end with the grammar grades his attention has at least for a time been given to things that might otherwise have been wholly wanting in his life.

The success of our efforts for the past year has been, except in one or two schools, all that we could expect under existing condi-

tions. Of course in introducing a new subject we have little or no material in hand, and our wants, which at such a time are many, have to be supplied gradually. We have been somewhat hampered by the need of necessary material and unavoidable delays, caused by the uncertain and embarrassed condition of the school funds. Excellent and ample facilities combined with hard work, accomplish more pleasing, visible results upon paper, than could be obtained under unfavorable conditions. The teachers have one and all cheerfully made the best of what was available. By another year our needs ought not to be so many.

For one hour and a half per week the children give their attention to various departments of art study and in that time a slight impression may be made upon their sensibilities. But some of the children in town spend five hours per day in schoolrooms bare and dreary, where the dust has kindly tempered the unpleasant glare of the cold, white walls. They pass out through entries most offensive in their untidiness, the floors covered with sand and mud. They reach an unkempt and unsightly school yard with hideous out-buildings. According to the weather this yard is sand or mud, where no tree or shrub is seen, but where weeds and jagged rocks abound. The mere looks of a schoolhouse and surrounding playground have a decided influence upon the mind and deportment of average children. If their environment is always clean, well ordered and attractive, they will be more apt to prefer and have clean, neat and attractive homes of their own.

Pains are taken to make other public buildings, such as the town hall, the railroad station and the library, decent and attractive, but in some cases the schools where our children spend so much time are, so far as regards their appearance, an influence which tends to make children callous to churches and unkempt surroundings.

This is not true of all our schools but it is hoped that as soon as possible an improvement in this respect may be made where it is needed. It is even desirable that in the school-rooms there should

be a certain amount and kind of decorations. A large expenditure is not necesssary, but a little, wisely used in this direction, is an important part of a generous system of education. One or two reproductions of the world's greatest masterpieces of painting, sculpture or architecture, cost little more than as many inferior pictures.

The work of the majority of teachers has been faithful and painstaking and the results are more than satisfactory. There are exceptions however. In one or two schools progress is scarcely perceptible and the general atmosphere unfavorable. This does *not* seem to be the result of incompetence but rather as a lack of energy or a disinclination.

The idea that the study of drawing is a light and trivial one, that it is a kind of fancy work, a recreation and a pretty amusement, is entirely an erroneous, a narrow, an old-fashioned and exploded one, resulting from a very excusable ignorance and misinformation on the subject.

There can be no such thing as a standstill in a schoolroom. Where progress is not being made a backward course and harmful influence is going on. The excellent work in a progressive direction of the majority of our teachers makes up a good average and is gratefully acknowledged by their supervisor of drawing.

Very respectfully,

MARGARET E. HILL.

STATISTICS.

Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, per census of September, 1899		473
Increase from last year		5
Number between 7 and 14 years of age, per census of September, 1899		344
Number of pupils attending in elementary schools	449	
Number of pupils attending in High School	44	
		493
*Number attending in Kindergarten		
Whole number attending last year in all schools		590
Number attending in the elementary schools under 5 years of age		4
Number over 15 years of age attending elementary schools	16	
Number over 15 years of age attending High School	26	
		42
Number between 7 and 14 years of age attending elementary school	329	
Number between 7 and 14 attending High Schools	10	
		339
Average membership in elementary school	388.95	
Average membership in High School	39.90	
		428.85
Average membership in Kindergarten		33
Average membership last year in all schools		487
Average daily attendance of elementary schools	359.94	
Average daily attendance of High School	38.87	
		398.81
Average daily attendance last year in all schools		448
Per cent. of attendance in elementary schools		92.55
Per cent. of attendance in High School		97.43
Per cent. of attendance in all the schools last year		93.11
Number of special teachers		2
Number of regular teachers		16
Number of rooms occupied		15

* Private.

The foregoing statistics and the following tabulated statistics differ so much from those of last year that there is need of explanation.

The report of schools for the year ending 1899 includes parts of two natural school years. Therefore, the enrollment contains both the class that graduated in June and the one that entered in September.

The report submitted this year is for the natural school year commencing with September, 1898, and ending June, 1899. It contains neither the enrollment of the graduating class nor that of the Kindergarten. While the apparent decrease in membership from last year is large the actual decrease is small.

ATTENDANCE AND STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.		TEACHERS.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Teachers' Salaries Per Month.	Length of School in Weeks.
Mixed.	Crosby	Grace L. Knowles	14	11.12	10.62	95.50	$36	38
	Hill	Mary A. Hosmer	20	18.73	17.00	90.76	36	38
	Richardson	Annie J. Page	26	21 38	19 25	90.00	40	38
	Spaulding	Ethel L. Buckley	21	18.75	16.23	90.32	40	38
Pollard.	Grammar	Elizabeth M. Chapin	29	25.85	24.92	96.40	57 & 89	38
	Sub-Grammar	Lizzie L. McIntire	25	21 75	20 36	93.67	40	38
	Intermediate	Alma B. Bisbee	52	47.00	43.51	92.36	40	38
	Primary	Martha F. Page	47	31.64	28.86	91.21	40	38
Talbot.	Grammar	B. F. Harding	30	25.45	23.33	91.29	60	38
	Sub-Grammar	Mary E. F. Shea	46	41.12	37.56	21.34	50	38
	Intermediate	Mary E. Rideout	42	39.45	36.18	91.74	40	38
	Primary	Jennie M. Livingston	33	29.59	27.63	93.37	40	38
U. H.	Intermediate	Kate A. Brown	38	34.30	33.36	98.03	44	38
	Primary	Mary E. Hughes	27	22.80	21.13	92.67	40	38
			449	388.93	359.94	92.55		
*High		E. C. Davis, Principal	44	39.90	38.87	97.43		
		Vivian C. Small, Assistant						
		Total	493	428.83	398.81			
*Kindergarten		Isabella Houliston, Principal	32					
		Mary E. Bartlett, Assistant						

* Private.

Library Books Purchased This Year.

Age of Fables (Bulfinch).
Age of Chivalry (Bulfinch).
Australia and the Islands of the Sea (Kellogg).
American Writers of Today.
A Story Book.
A Dog's Mission.
Asbury Towns.
At the Back of the North Wind.
American Indians (Starr).
Around the World, vols. I and II. (Carroll.)
American Literature (Bates).
Bird Craft (Wright).
Ben Hur (Wallace).
Britain and Boer (James Bryce and Others).
Beacon Lights of Patriotism.
Bedtime Stories.
Boys at Chequasset.
Blue Fairy Book, The
Citizen Bird (Mabel Wright).
Colonies, The (Dutton).
David Copperfield (Dickens).
Emerson, Life of (Garnell).
English Talk and Fairy Tale (Hartland).
Education of Man (Froebel).
From a New England Hillside (Potts).
Friendship of Nature (Wright).
Felix Holt (Eliot).

Food Plants.
Fairport Nine.
George Eliot (Oscar Browning).
Hawthorne, Life of (Conway).
History of Peter the Great (Abbott).
History of Louis Fourteenth (Abbott).
Hypatia (Kingsley).
History of American Nation (McLaughlin).
Hawaii and Its People (Twombley).
How to Teach Reading. 5 vols.
History of America.
Historic Girls.
Historic Boys.
In the Reign of Terror (Henty).
In Freedom's Cause (Henty).
Jolly Good Times.
Jolly Good Times at School.
Lion of the North (Henty).
Longfellow, Life of (Grannell).
Land of Long Night (Chaillic).
Life in Asia (Smith).
Land of Song (Shute). 6 vols.
Leslie Goldthwaite.
Little Pussy Willow.
Land of the Lingering Snow.
Madam How and Lady Why (Kingsley).
Middlemarch (Eliot).
Margaret Merton's Girlhood (Cockran).
Methods of Teaching Arithmetic (Dunton).
Mopsa, The Fairy.
Modern Viking.
New England Hillside.
Nature in Verse (Lovejoy).
Nellie's Silver Mine.

Oom Paul's People (Hillegas).
Pilgrim's Progress (Bunyan).
Pedagogy of the Kindergarten (Froebel).
Psychology of Numbers (McLellan & Dewey).
Rob Roy (Scott).
Robinson Crusoe (Defoe).
Rescue of Cuba.
Reading, and How to Teach it (Tood). 4 vols.
Royal Lowries, Last Year.
Story of the Volsungs (Sparling).
Scottish Chiefs (Jane Porter).
Story of Indians (Grinnell).
Story of Cow Boys (Hough).
Story of Ab. (Stanley Waterloo).
Stories Told to a Child. Vol. I.
Stories Told to a Child. Vol. II.
Story of Our Post Office.
Shakespeare's Poems, Presented by D. M. Staley. 2 vols.
Seven Little Stories (Andrews).
Short Stories from English History (Blaisdell)
Tommy-Anne and the Three Hearts (Wright).
Thackeray (Merivole).
Travels and Adventures of Marco Polo (Towle).
Thaddeus of Warsaw (Porter).
Talks on Psychology (James)
Tour of the World (Verne).
The Jimmyjohns.
The Little Duke.
The Heroes.
The Story of the Mine.
The Prince and the Pauper.
Uncle Sam's Secrets (Austin).
Voyages of Drake the Sea King (Towle).
Vogages and Adventures of Vasco De Gama (Towle).

Views in Africa (Badlam).
Wild Neighbors (Ingersoll).
Wabeno the Magician.
Whittier (Linton).
With Life in Virginia (Henty).
We and the World (Ewing).
Wild Animals that I Know (Thompson).
What Katie Did.
What Katie Did at School.
Winning His Way.
Wonders of the Animal World, No. 7.
Westward Ho!
Wilson's Nature Manual.
Wilson's Nature Readers, No. I and No. II.
Young Folk's Natural History.
Young Citizen (Dole).

INVENTORY

Containing Books and Supplies on hand in both the Supply Room and the School Room.

Books of Literature and Information.

All the Year Around, Spring	40
Around the World	20
Boyden's Nature Study by the Month	10
Cyr's First Reader	60
Cyr's Second Reader	70
Cyr's Third Reader	73
Cyr's Fourth Reader	39
Cats and Dogs	14
Cricket on the Hearth	23
Christmas Carol	23
Child Life in Poetry	23
Courtship of Miles Standish	44
Child Life, Book I	25
Davis' First Reader	27
The Davis Second	91
The Davis Third	65
The Davis Fourth	63
Evangeline	41
The Finch Primer	12
Grandfather's Chair	45
Grimm's Fairy Tales, Part II	33
Harper's First Reader	43
" Second "	93
" Third "	124
" Fourth "	106
" Fifth "	17

Heart of Oak	35
Hiawatha Primer	25
Hiawatha	34
Hiawatha, Story of	21
King's Geographical Readers, Book I	55
Book III	34
Book IV	41
Masterpieces of American Literature	34
Normal Course, Book III	42
Book IV	21
Book II	54
Nature's Byways	30
Nature Study, First Reader, (Wilson)	6
Second Reader, (Wilson)	7
Teacher's Manual, (Wilson)	10
Old Greek Folk Stories	33
Plant Life, Book I	70
Book II	20
Book III	20
Robinson Crusoe	36
Stickney's Fourth	56
Stepping Stones to Literature, Part I	9
Sharp Eyes	16
Stories of American Pioneers	27
Books of various kinds not worth space for enumeration	615

Arithmetic.

Southworth's, Book I	195
Book II	185
Wentworth's Problems	58

Language Books.

First Lessons, (Southworth & Goddard)	215
Second Lessons	154

Geographies.

Frye's Primary	171
Frye's Complete	193

Physiologies.

Child's Book of Health 67
How to Keep Well 196
Our Bodies 90

Histories.

Eggleston's 53
Higginson's 12
Fiske's 19
Montgomery's 124
Montgomery's Leading Facts in History 4
Sheldon's 6

Algebras.

Wentworth's School 23
Wentworth's First Steps 17

Dictionaries.

Webster's Common School 24
" Academic 6
" Unabridged 3
Worcester's 48
Standard 6

Music Books.

Sixth Reader 39
Normal First 48
Normal Second 175
Normal Third 126

Latin.

Collar's 35

Spellers.

Harrington's Part I 116
Part II 127
I. and II 25

Book-keeping.

Gay's	29

Drawing Paper.

White 6x9 best quality	5 reams
" 6x9 poorer	25
White 9x12 best	7
" 9x12 poorer	20
Manilla 6x9	17
Manilla 9x12	19
Gray 6x9	19
Gray 9x12	20

Practice Paper.

White	29
Brown	20

Arithmetic Paper.

6 x 9	61 reams
9 x 12	4 reams

Examination Paper.

White	43 reams
Brown	20 reams
Commercial	7 reams
Composition	2 reams

Supplies.

Chalk	55 boxes
Book Labels	1000
Card Holders	90
Note Books	275
Rulers	333
Slate Pencils	75 gross
Pens	4 gross
Paint Brushes	240

Word Builders	36 boxes
Slates	209
Report Card Envelopes	500
Liquid Measures	1 set
Scissors	23
Note Books for Drawing	600
Floor Brushes	3
Sponges	1-2 bushel
Drawing Models	2,000
Writing Books	84
Lead Pencils	3 gross
Pen Holders	3 gross
Color Boxes	159
Board Erasers	3 doz.
Number Builders	36 boxes
Blotters	3 gross
Report Cards	90
Dry Measures	1 set
Drawing Colors	47 tubes
Letter Envelopes	500
Brooms	3

There is in the different school rooms quite a quantity of difierent things not in use and not worth the space for enumeration.

WARRANT

FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To be Held Monday, March 26, 1900.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
MIDDLESEX, SS. }

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the Town of Billerica, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, March Twenty-sixth, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To determine the number of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Auditors, Constables, Collector of Taxes.

ART. 3. The polls will be open in accordance with the by-laws of the Town for the election of the following Town Officers on one ballot for one year: Town Clerk,

Town Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes; one or more Constables; one Member of the Board of Health for three years; one Member of the School Committee for three years; one Member of the Sinking Fund Commission for three years; one Member of the Water Commission for three years; Tree Warden for one year.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will choose Highway Surveyors, and all other necessary Town Officers.

ART. 5. To choose a Member of the Bowers Fund Committee for a term of five years.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept the revision of the jury box made by the Selectmen, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 7. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see what method the Town will adopt for the repair of the roads and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and all other Town Officers and Committees heretofore appointed.

ART. 10. To vote on the following questions, viz.: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Billerica? Yes or No.

ART. 11. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray the Town's expenses for the ensuing year, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the use of the Veterans on Memorial day.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow temporarily in anticipation of taxes of the present municipal year, and give the negotiable note or notes of the Town for money so borrowed, and that all such temporary loans shall be paid from the said taxes.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars to be divided between the V. I. A. of North Billerica and Billerica Centre, to be expended by them for street lighting, or do anything in relation to the snme.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey land on Billerica avenue, or any other land belonging to the Town farm, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to be expended in suitably marking the names of the roads and streets in the Town as designated by the street naming Committee and accepted by the Town at the last annual Town meeting, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two thousand five hundred dollars for addition to Pollard school, to contain new school room and sanitary closets, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropri-

ate the sum of $280.00 and pay the same to the Bennett Public Library association, as interest due on the Winthrop Faulkner fund, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 309 of the acts passed by the General Court of Massachusetts in the year 1885, entitled: An act authorizing Cities and Towns to license groves to be used for picnics and other lawful amusements.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will instruct our Selectmen what course to pursue in regard to bringing about the five cent fare from Billerica Centre to Lowell, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will pay the claim of L. T. McKenney against the Town of Billerica, and raise and appropriate the sum of $550.00 to settle said claim, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Counsel or act in relation thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Assessors to issue a Valuation Book for 1900 and make appropriation therefor, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will establish and maintain a telephone line between Billerica Centre and North Billerica for municipal use only, the cost not to exceed $200.00, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will connect the public watering trough at the Centre, and also the one at the North, with the Town water main, and make appropriation therefor, or act in relation thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $150.00 for a sidewalk from the Talbot school to the Boston road, or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 27. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the money received from sale of Town land by the Selectmen.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will amend the by-laws by the addition of a clause whereby all hawkers, peddlers, junk dealers, collectors, not including residents of the Town, must be licensed at a nominal fee, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will take any action in regard to purchasing the Billerica Electric Light plant, or to establishing a Town Electric Light plant, or do anything in regard to the same.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will accept a street as now staked out across the land of Sidney A. Bull and Mabel E. Gleason, running easterly from Boston road to the Town land; thence northerly on said Town land and land of Mabel E. Gleason to Andover road, and raise and appropriate $800.00 for the purpose of building said street, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will fix the salary of the Firemen at $20.00 per year, and do away with the hourly payment, or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at the Town Hall, one copy in each of the Post Offices of the town, and one copy in

each of the Porches or Vestibules of the several churches in the town, at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant to the Town Clerk, with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting. Given under our hands this Fifteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOSIAH WRIGHT,
Selectmen of Billerica.

A true copy. Attest:
EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
Constable.

JURY LIST, 1900.

William H. Hutchins.....Farmer
Josiah Wright.....Stone Mason
James Barrington.....Carpenter
John E. Bull.....Merchant
William A. Merriam.....Farmer
Charles C. Johnson.....Merchant
William H. Sexton.....Blacksmith
T. E. Smith.....Carpenter
J. E. Blodgett.....Clerk
C. W. Flanders.....Optician
Sidney A. Bull.....Merchant
Henry Shuman.....Farmer
Oscar Fellows.....Farmer
Daniel Callahan, Jr.....Farmer
Edward B. Haskell.....Farmer
Nathaniel Jones, Jr.....Farmer
W. W. Nason.....Clergyman
George E. Simonds.....Farmer
Jasper Bruce.....Merchant
Fred L. Mason.....Farmer
George L. Dunham.....Merchant
Henry Dutton.....Farmer
Clarence Boman.....Farmer
Valentine Rollins.....Farmer
Joseph H. Call.....Farmer
Martin Conway.....Farmer
John E. Rowell.....Farmer
Fred H. Parker.....Merchant
William F. Symms.....Miller
H. D. Livingston.....Teamster
B. G. Hutchins.....Carpenter
Franklin Jaquith.....Manufacturer
H. A. King.....Clerk
John H. Foster.....Agent
H. M. Hutchins.....Retired
Frank W. Holden.....Merchant
Dick Folsom.....Farmer
Albert H. Jones.....Collector
Oscar Smith.....Clerk
L. B. Gannon.....Broker

Estimates of Appropriations by the Selectmen for 1900

	Estimate of appropriation for 1899.	Estimate of appropriation for 1900.
Schools	$9,000 00	$8,500 00
Highways	3,500 00	3,500 00
Macadam road	1,500 00	1,500 00
Bridges	250 00	450 00
Fire Department	1,500 00	1,300 00
Town Farm	1,000 00	1,000 00
Incidentals	1,300 00	1,300 00
Janitor and Police	1,500 00	1,500 00
Outside Relief	1,200 00	1,300 00
Debt Appropriation	2,500 00	5,500 00
Interest	1,700 00	1,700 00
Insurance	150 00	275 00
Sinking Fund and Bond Interest	2,000 00	2,000 00
State and County Tax	3,500 00	3,500 00
Soldiers' Relief	100 00	50 00
Registrars of Voters	100 00	100 00
Street Lighting	700 00	700 00
Selectmen	375 00	375 00
Assessors	250 00	500 00
Overseers of the Poor	200 00	200 00
School Committee	180 00	180 00
Town Clerk	150 00	150 00
Town Treasurer	250 00	250 00
Tax Collector	350 00	350 00
Election Officers	100 00	100 00
Cattle Inspector	500 00	350 00
Fish Warden	100 00	100 00
Cemeteries	250 00	400 00
Common	75 00	75 00
Board of Health	50 00	50 00
Auditors	45 00	45 00
Sidewalks	100 00	100 00
Hydrants	2,300 00	2,300 00
Town Water	50 00	100 00
Water Deficit	1,000 00	1,000 00
Tree Warden	none	100 00
Painting and Repairs Interior Town Hall,		150 00

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